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# WELCOME!

**“May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.”** As we embark into our 71<sup>st</sup> year of Independence, sending you warm wishes from the NPSKRM News desk. Let’s celebrate freedom inculcating a culture in which **Respect, Dignity and Equality** is the order of the day.

We bring to the fore the festivities that marked important days, as well as events that were held through the months of August and September.



# ACHIEVEMENTS

1. **Vivum-** The two day long fest on the theme ‘Empowerment’ was held at The International School Bangalore on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of August. The fest offered students the opportunity to showcase their talents across a mélange of spheres and their potential in a multitude of contests. Students from Grades 9 to 12 represented our school in sporting events such as table tennis, cricket, football, etc. and cultural events like drama, music, fashion, beat boxing, quiz, etc. Much to the delight of our students we won the coveted **overall trophy**. The results are as follows.
  - In **Vivum Idol**, the solo music event, **Neha Sharon Jacob** performed a solo piece and was awarded the **first place**.
  - In **Vivum Idol**, the acapella group music event, **Nikita Nachnani, Damodar Khosla (Grade 12), Mukundh Balajee, Jahnavi Srinivasan, Karthik S., Raksha B (Grade 11)**, were awarded the **second place**.
  - In **Battle of the Bands**, **Rahul Bhattacharya, Nikita Nachnani (Grade 12), Mukundh B, Neha Sharon Jacob, Rajdeep Nag (Grade 11), Samarpith R (Grade 10), Anshul Roy (Grade 9)**, were awarded the **third place**.
  - The Dance event, **Tell A Tale**, required the teams to choreograph and perform a dance depicting Empowerment. The team comprising **Sanskriti S , Malavika S, Anvita Nigam, Avni Gupta (Grade12) Himanshi Gupta and Neha Mathew (Grade11)** bagged the **first place**.
  - A nerve wracking **quiz** competition that included multiple choice and category based quiz, tested the wits of the contestants for close to an hour and half. Our team consisting of **Kaustubh Roy, Aniket Sanghi & Nikhil Pinto** from **Grade 11** emerged as winners.
  - In the Drama event, **Street Theatre**, the teams were required to put together a 5 minute play showcasing the theme ‘Empowerment’ with resources allotted to them. The team comprising **Karan Khanna, Maithreyi V, Pritika Ramaiyar, Avinash R (Grade12), Shreya Bera & Pooja R (Grade11)** was awarded the **first place**.
  - **The Fashion Show ‘Wear What You Love’** required students to draw inspiration from musicians or painters of their choice, submit a portfolio of original designs, create and style outfits and model them to put together a fashion show. The team comprising **Karan Khanna, Ebbani Ray Lenka (Grade12) & Aditi Koul (Grade 11)** bagged the **first place**.
  - In the freestyle **Rap Battle** where the contestant had to create and perform rap lyrics for a minute each, **Karthik S (Grade 11)** emerged victorious.

- **Sellin Bar**, a merchandise event tested the contestants' flair for business, persuasive & time management skills. The team consisting of **Meera Harish, Rishab Nair, Nitya T, Ebbani Lanka (Grade12) and Anvita Anantkumar (Grade 11)** came **second**.
- In the sports arena, **Aman Singla (Grade 11), Dhruv Gopal (Grade 10), Animesh B and Ansh G (Grade 9)** bagged the **top spot** in the **Boys' Table Tennis** event. The boys who took to the cricket field to play **Gully Cricket** weren't far behind. **Aryan P (Grade 12), Pavan B (Grade 11), Mounav M (Grade 11), Nikhil M (Grade 11), Ubaid K (Grade 11), Thathagatha (Grade 10), Shreyas P (Grade 10), Raaj Rithik and Shubham G (Grade 9)** cashed in on the **second place**.



2. **Technovation – Rida Shafeek, Krithika Sunil and Jigisha Kamal** from Grade 12 were one of the 6 teams that participated in an international app making competition. The week-long event had more than 20,000 competitors from across 100 countries. The event included workshops with TedX speakers, business entrepreneurs and a talk with the editorial panel of the magazine Teen Vogue. The students pitched their idea to a panel of 5 judges including the digital editor of Teen Vogue and Allure in the senior level to qualify for the World Pitch Summit in San Francisco, California. The students interacted with girls from various countries and ethical backgrounds, from Cambodia to Canada, Kenya to Kazakhstan. **Krithika** had the opportunity to meet and interview the Google CEO **Sundhar Pichai**. The students won a scholarship of \$10,000 USD.



3. **Ruhan Alva of grade 6** has emerged vice champion in the Easykart 60 category in the Easykart Championship which concluded in Italy on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017. In the nine round championship, Ruhan was supported by Birel Art.
4. **CoMUN** - Bishop Cottons Boys School conducted their annual Model United Nations Conference from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Over 750 delegates from across Bangalore participated in the various committees. **Vidushi Bhartari of 10 B and Shubhangi Bhattacharya Kundagrami of 10 C** won the First Commendable Delegation in the Historic General Assembly as the representatives of France.
5. **Shaastra Quiz** - On the 12<sup>th</sup> August, IIT Madras conducted the Bangalore round of the Shaastra quiz at Presidency South. The team comprising **Abhinav Menon and Abhiram Nitin of Grade 10** placed second, while the team consisting of **Aditya Anirudh and Vidushi Bhartari of Grade 10** and that of **Athul M.S. and Shashank Jayant of Grade 9** shared a tie in the third spot.



6. **Engenius** - On the 18<sup>th</sup> of August NPS Indiranagar conducted their annual literary fest, Engenius, which witnessed participation from several schools. **Prithika Ramaiyer, Karan Khanna, Avinash Ratnam from Grade 12 & Shreya Bera from Grade 11** came first in **Retake**-the dramatics event. **Neha Sharon Jacob, Mukundh B, Karthik S, Raksha B, Akshaya R (Grade 11), Nikita Nachnani, Rahul Bhattacharya (Grade 12)** stood second in **Get Lyrical**-the music event. **Advaitha Krishnan (Grade 9)** and **Nidhi Ashok (Grade 8)** came second in **Oratorical**, the JAM event. **Vidushi Bhartari (Grade 10)** bagged the **second place** in the **stand-up comedy** contest.
7. **Limit Infinity** - Shishu Griha School in association with Infosys and its Science Foundation conducted the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of Limit Infinity, a science fest based on a geographical theme, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2017. **Prarthana Balakrishna and Ananya Varshney (Grade 10)** won the first prize in the event **Catch the Word**. **Shashank Jayant (Grade 9) & Shyam Subramaniam (Grade 10)** were placed second in **Bazinga**, the quiz event.

8. **Sportanza-** NPS Mysore conducted their annual Sports Event Sportanza on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August. Students from grades 8 to 12 participated in various sporting events and needless to say they emerged victorious in many.

- In **Football**, our team comprising **Arun Parthasarathy, Taarussh Wadhwa (Grade 12), Siddharth Shahi, Shiv Nair, Aman Singla, Shravan Ranga (Grade 11), Aniket Joshi, Viren Sarvotham, Sagar Punjabi (Grade 10)** came runners- p. **Arun Parthasarathy** was adjudged the most valuable player of the match.
- In **Lawn Tennis ( category-boys)**, **Prasanna P M & Hansel Shah (Grade 10)** came runners-up and (category- girls) **Anupama Bagade and Ahanya Appaiah** emerged winners.
- In **100 metres free style & back stroke swimming**, **Katyayani Pande** of **Grade 9** came first. In the swimming relay **Rubhav B, Abhay Anand(Grade 8), Saksham G (Grade 9) & Aniket Joshi ( Grade 11)** (category boys); **Katyani Pande (Grade 9), Diva Batavia, Gayatri V( Grade10) & Saumya G ( Grade 8)** (category girls) were placed third.
- **Tanisha Sujith Paramba** came second in the **Triathlon** event.



9. In the New Horizon State Level Basket Ball Tournament held on the 8<sup>th</sup>& 9<sup>th</sup> of August, our team of girls -**Nikita Agarwal, Disha Kannan, Devanshi J, Roshni S, Sara P, Renee George, Sia Godika, Arushi S, Diya Agrawal( Grade 6), Palak Mehta, Sneha Das ( Grade 5) Veruschka Pandey( Grade 4)** came Runners- up.
10. **Debating-** The Amaatra Academy conducted its annual debate competition on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017. Around 22 schools participated in the debate. **Advaith Suresh (Grade 10)** was adjudged the best speaker in the competition.
11. Neha Sharon Jacob, was adjudged the Best Speaker in the **Bhatia Shield Debate** conducted on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017.



12. **Napsonic** - On 12<sup>th</sup> August, NPS RNR held their interschool fest “Napsonic” based on music, dance and sciences. Students from grade 9 to 12 participated in various events. The team comprising **Maitreyi K, Saiguru S, and Dhvani R** from **Grade 12** emerged victorious in the **Biology** event. We secured Runners up position in the Dance event. The winners who brought home laurels were **Kabilesh N (Grade 10), Ananya V (Grade 10), Animesh B (Grade 10), Ishita B (Grade 10), Paridhi A (Grade 10)** and **Prachi G (Grade 10)**. In the Western Music event too, our students notched the second spot with the team consisting of **Mukund B (Grade 11), Raksha (Grade 11), Neha J (Grade 11), Raunak P (Grade 10), Dhruv G (Grade 10), Samarpith R (Grade 11)** and **Anshul R(Grade 10)**.



13. **Olympiads** - A number of students participated in the SOF exams conducted during the Academic Year 2016-17. The list of student awardees and awards are as follows.

**NCO**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Awardees</b>	<b>Zonal Rank</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Cash Prize</b>
6	<b>Ishan B Kumar</b>	1	Gold Medal	Rs 5000
6	<b>Dev Upadhyaya</b>	2	Silver Medal	Rs 2500
12	<b>Suyash Biswas</b>	2	Silver Medal	Rs 2500

**Dev Upadhyaya** was additionally awarded an **AES Scholarship** consisting of a trophy, certificate and Cheque of Rs 5000.

**IMO**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Awardees</b>	<b>Zonal Rank</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Cash Prize</b>
7	<b>Achyuth. H.Warrier</b>	1	Gold Medal	Rs 5000
8	<b>Pranjal Srivastava</b>	3	Bronze Medal	Rs 1000

**IEO - Gold Medal Winners**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Name</b>
4	<b>Kashvi Pathania</b>
4	<b>Govind Karthik</b>
4	<b>Pranit Goel</b>
4	<b>Ananya Mahesh</b>
4	<b>Sanvi Bhujang</b>
4	<b>Suhaani Roy</b>
5	<b>Spandan Shee</b>
5	<b>Ayantika Sen</b>
5	<b>Ranvit Bahirwani</b>

**Niveditha S Iyer** from **Grade 10** won the **Bronze Medal**.

Congratulations to all the winners. A commendable feat indeed!

14. **Intellify**- IIT Delhi conducted The International Science and Creativity Olympiad (INTELLIFY) for students from grades 9 to 12 on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of June at our premises. The Olympiad aimed at measuring the CAIQ (Creativity and Innovation Quotient) through an offline test. Students who qualify in the offline test will take part in an online regional test. Results are awaited. Those who make it through the regional round will participate in an interactive event at IIT Delhi in December.

15. **Taekwondo-** In the month of August, **Shiv Karthik** of **Grade 1** bagged a Gold Medal in the Karnataka State Level Taekwondo Championship, in the Under 6 Category. Congratulations to both the boys for their performance!
16. Nature's Tennis Academy conducted the Under 10 Boys Tennis Tournament on the 13<sup>th</sup> August. **Prakash S Saran** from **Grade 3** was the **Runners up**.
17. Jain International Residential school conducted an Interschool Squash Tournament **Saumya Raj** of Grade 10 bagged the **1<sup>st</sup> Place** & Best player in Girls' Open Category and Aditya Raj of Grade 8 won the **2<sup>nd</sup> Place** in Boys Open Category
18. **Spell star** - The Rotary Club conducted the spelling competition, Spell star, on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at the Bangalore Institute of Technology. It consisted of a preliminary written round, followed by four oral rounds: Spell-Say (spelling three words within a minute), Jumble-Tumble (unjumbling the letters in a word), Double Muddle (distinguishing between a pair of commonly confused words) and Rapid Fire (spelling as many words as possible correctly within a minute). **Sharvari P.B (Grade 7)** placed **second in Category 2** and **Abhinav Menon (Grade 10)** placed **second in Category 3**.

# MAJOR EVENTS

1. **Hackathon 2017** - The third edition of the **NPS-K Hack** was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August. Twenty teams from all over Bangalore participated, where the teams had to develop an app that aimed at solving real world problems. Mr. Gaurav Sharma, the Vice President of IBM ISL, was the Keynote Speaker. He spoke about the importance of ideas and their implementation by the youth of our country while encouraging all the participants to solve real world problems in an innovative, yet effective manner. This was followed by the hack masters handing out general instructions and eventually coding that commenced at 8:30. The teams came up with fantastic ideas, such as, a women's safety app, an event navigator and an electricity and water saver app. Participants were constantly guided by the judges and mentors from IBM, the event's official sponsor. At the outset participant teams were interviewed and further marked on their ideas based on novelty, implementation, presentation and articulation and the level of completion of the project. **NPS-INR** emerged **winners** followed by a team of Grade 7 and 8 students from **Sri Kumarans** who were the **runners up**. Accolades poured in for the quality of coding that was topnotch, and the manner in which the volunteers of the Computer Science Department organized and executed the event to perfection.



2. **Preksha 2017 SanganSuronKa** - “Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.”- Adlai Stevenson. Reiterating this thought on the pleasant Saturday morning of 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017, we celebrated our musical extravaganza Preksha, by dedicating the entire event to the country’s 71<sup>st</sup> Independence Day. With Freedom in Mind, Faith in Words. Pride in Hearts, and Memories in Souls, close to 500 students of the primary grades saluted the nation with the choicest of patriotic songs in a multitude of regional languages, besides Hindi and English. Parents and faculty sitting amongst the audience were also moulded into the momentum and the mood, humming along, as the young participants performed to “Satyamev Jayate, Chodo kalki baatein, Mere desh ki dharti, Saare jahan se achha and Vande Mataram.” It was a proud moment to watch the students of grades 3 and 5 dance like a dream and spread the essence of tricolour wrapped in pride for our motherland and its martyrs. Students of grades 5 to 9 presented a stupendous musical camaraderie through a jugalbandi- Raag Milan. It was indeed a delectable experience, a perfect blend of melody and rhythm flavoured with a scoop of patriotism. The students were well prepared and confident, singing in unison. It was interesting that each and every child sang the songs with conviction. The room was resplendent with a feeling of belonging and pride. It was a visual treat to see all the students and teachers dressed in vibrant flag colours. The décor of the auditorium was also enhanced with the tricolour being swayed ardently by the student volunteers. Our Principal, Mrs Jyotsna Nair addressed the audience by asking them to learn from their children how to break the shackles of caste, creed, religion and march forward as a progressive country towards a bright future.



3. **GST Presentation** - On Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2017, students of Grade 11 and 12 from the Economics stream, gave a presentation on Goods and Service tax (GST) to their schoolmates from Grades 6 to 12. The students spoke at length about tax and its history, types of taxes, disadvantages of the old tax structure and the advantages of implementing GST. It was a small initiative to create awareness amongst their peers and juniors about the pros and cons of GST and to equip them with the changes that would be brought about to the Indian economy through its implementation. The students aptly reinforced the topic through a skit and popup quiz.



4. **Independence Day Celebrations** - The downpour did little to dampen the spirit at NPS KRM, as the tricolour was unfurled on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August to mark the 71<sup>st</sup> year of Independence. The celebrations scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup>, however, took place in the School auditorium on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August. It was indeed a colourful and splendid tribute that included patriotic songs melodiously rendered by the students as well as a vibrant and lively dance performance. Power packed speeches by the faculty further enthused the spirit of patriotism. The show concluded with a mellifluous rendition of the National Anthem by our school choir.



5. **Onam celebrations, Rally for Rivers and Road Safety** - Onam was celebrated in all gaiety and fervor on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September as teachers looked resplendent in traditional attire. An elaborate, decorative 'Pookalam' laid at the entrance was a treat to the eyes. To bring forth the essence of celebrating this festival commemorating the 5<sup>th</sup> avatar of Lord Vishnu-Vamana Avatar-the teachers enacted the life and times of 'Mahabali'- the popular Asura King. The graceful "Kaikottakali" and the peppy tune of "Vanchipattu" added glitter to the show. The program concluded with our Principal summarizing the story behind 'Bakrid, which was celebrated on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, followed by a quiz to test the alertness of the audience.

On the same day, to mark the campaign '**Rally for Rivers**', a brief video was played to reaffirm our support and to urge students to earnestly make an attempt to save our rivers.

The program on '**Road Safety**' by the Bengaluru Traffic Police included an audio visual presentation that reinforced various safety norms and highlighted the importance of following rules and being disciplined on the roads at all times. They encouraged students to particularly exercise restraint by not using mobile phones while driving and urged them to caution their elders as well. The presentation concluded with a brief interactive session.



6. **Musical Treat** - On 11<sup>th</sup> September, as part of the **Sa Pa** initiative, the **Norwegian Band 'Bansal'**, treated Grades 1 to 5 to a "Musical rhapsody." The hour long performance included Jazz and Norwegian folk music. The band comprised an impressive range of talents from a violinist, pianist, percussionist, soloist and a double bass player who have travelled across Oslo, Prague and Nepal to encourage budding talent in India. While the musicians played solo pieces, the icing on the cake was the "**Jugalbandi**" that left the audience spellbound. The program being interactive, saw the band patiently answer questions posed by our students. It was a truly enriching and stimulating experience as the audience walked away with a tune on their lips and beat in their soul.



7. **Students for Students (SfS)** - Our alumini Nishant Panicker and Aniruddha Voruganti, the founding members of SfS ,have been working relentlessly to transform the way students interact and learn from each other by breaking barriers of their socioeconomic backgrounds.

2 groups of students from Grades 7 & 8 are currently working with students from Government Kannada Lower Primary School, Ramesh Nagar in 2 hour fortnightly sessions every month. In these sessions, students learn based on material designed by SfS. The framework enables one set of students to go beyond their bubble of “privilege”, and the other set to learn to ask questions, be curious and hence be better equipped to benefit from their formal learning. Over a course of many academic years, the goal is for to students from the two sets of schools interact in a close-knit, vibrant and stimulating environment, exploring Math, sciences and languages. For more information and updates on the work, do visit the SfS website at [www.sfs.org.in](http://www.sfs.org.in) and [facebook.com/SfSOrg](https://facebook.com/SfSOrg).



8. **XYO Olympiad** - The first round of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual XYO Math- Science Championship was conducted for Grades 3 to 8 on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. The names of finalists who have made it to the inter-school finals will be announced when we return after the Dussehra break.
9. **French Olympiad** - The Preliminary level of the French Olympiad based on French Language and Civilisation was conducted on 16<sup>th</sup> August. The competition witnessed the participation of 80 students from Grades 6 to 10 across the basic, intermediary and advanced levels. Results are awaited.
10. **Aptitude Test** - Times of India in association with Byju Learning Centre conducted the first round of the National Aptitude Challenge for Grades 5 to 10 on 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 2017. Results are awaited.
11. **ICAS ( International Competitions & Assessments for Schools)** formerly known as IAIS conducted annually by UNSW, Australia & Macmillan Education, India, was held for Grades 3 to 11 in Science, Mathematics, English and Digital Technologies in the month of September.

## Events in Montessori & Kindergarten

1. **Independence Day:** The Montessori children were dressed in costumes of national leaders of India and spoke about the leaders and the national emblem. They sang patriotic songs and took home souvenirs of the tri colour bands tied to their hands.



2. **Krishna Jayanthi** - During the **Janmashtami fete** on 18<sup>th</sup> of August , the tiny tots from Montessori were enthralled by videos of Krishna and his childhood pranks. Keeping in line with the tradition, Dahi Handi was celebrated by breaking a balloon with confetti representing the matka and curd. The little ones venerated lord Krishna by singing bhajans in his praise.



3. **Ganesh Chaturthi** – On 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2017, to mark the festival of the Elephant god, **Ganesh**, children from Montessori , dressed in traditional attire engaged in a clay model activity of making Ganesh idols. They were treated to movies of Ganesh and Karthikeyan and additionally paid musical tributes to the lord himself in a variety of languages.



4. **Onam:** The festival from ‘God’s Own Country’ saw the children from each of the environments make an ‘Onapookallam’ where the children sorted flowers and designed the flower carpet. The children enthusiastically watched the teachers perform a Thiruvathirakali and Onapattu, cheering them all along.



5. **Fit Kids:** The children had all come dressed in sporty outfits for the event. They were given an overview of the parts of the human body and an insight into the benefits of eating healthy, staying fit and exercising. The children grooved with aerobic moves to the song 'Fit Kids'.



6. **Dussera:** was ushered in with the children dressed in ghagras and sherwanis and the mood was set for the celebration to follow. The children participated in a discussion of how Dussera is celebrated in various parts of India. The last day of the term ended on a high note as the children delightfully swayed to the Garba and the Dandiya music.

7. **Crunchy Delight** - The month of August was all about healthy eating. On 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 KG 1 celebrated "Crunchy Delight Day". Teachers and children actively participated by contributing fruits, vegetables, sprouts and seasoning to prepare the 'Delight of the Day'. Vegetable and fruit salads were made, followed by songs on fruits and vegetables. The teachers conducted a quiz and treated children to a salad of their choice. A book was read on healthy eating habits. The day ended with a puppet show to reinforce the concept of healthy eating.



8. **Green Day** - The Parents of KG2 students were invited to participate in a fun filled event “The Green Day” on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 as a culmination of the EVS topic ‘Plants’. Parents, teachers and children were dressed in different shades of Green and Brown. The morning began with the students and parents enjoying “The Nature Scavenger Hunt” in the school grounds, where they, as a family, had to search for different things connected with nature based on the tasks given. It was followed by a collage making activity in the auditorium. Parents were divided into groups and asked to put their ideas together on “What they would wish their ideal world to be like”. Each group presented their work of art. The children sang songs on “Plants” and a pledge was taken to make our environment a better place. Each student was given a sapling to grow and tend at home.



# HIGHLIGHTS

## Inter- House Events

1. “**Clue Chain**” a Mathematics event for Grades 9 to 12, took place in the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> periods on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Each house had a team consisting of four participants. The Explorers’ team- **Aditya Singh (12A), Dhvani Ravi (12B), Chinmay S. I.(12A) and Vidushi Bhartari(10A)** -followed by the Voyagers’ team comprising **Rohit Kaushik, Kanika Mittal ( both in 12A) , Vinayaka M. and A. P. Vaideeswaran (both in Grade9)**. Third came the Pioneers’ team comprising **Siddharth Gautam (12A), Kaustubh Roy (11A), Shreyas K. B.(11A) and Advait Suresh (10A)**, and next were the Challengers with **Manas Minnoor (12B), Manish Kausik ( 12B), Abhiram Nitin (10) and Sanat Kuruganti (9B)**.
2. The finals of the inter house Math Quiz for grades 6 to 8 was conducted on August 17, 2017. A preliminary written round was held earlier in the month. Our Math Club and Quiz Club secretaries Abinav Menon and Aditya Anirudh took on the role of quizmasters for the day. Some of the questions were tough, even mind boggling ! The Voyagers House duo from Grade 8B, **Pranjal Srivastava** and **Shreya Das** walked away as the **quiz wizards** of the day.
3. On 10<sup>th</sup> August, a ‘**Story Writing**’ competition was held for grades 6 to 8. The participants were posed with a challenge of writing a 250 to 300 word story based on science fiction, and concluding with the line “and then everything was as it should be.” Quite a Herculean task! Across the grades 115 students participated, thus enabling our **literati** to have a plethora of stories from which to adjudge the winning story. **Rysha Sulthania (Voyagers), walked away with the 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Diya Agarwal (Challengers) and Pranav Goyal (Explorers) bagged the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places respectively.**

Here’s a peek into the winning story ☺!

***Guess the cat's outta the bag!***

*“Wait, hold on!” These were the only phrases that echoed in the laboratory where yet another crucial experiment was being executed for the vital but miniscule development of the science field. Dr. Jester Werfel, the mastermind of the aeronautical firm, Evermore, was late. He the genius, the intellect and the Electrostatic Legend was, in scientific terms, alternately preoccupied. One may wonder what such a wit would be researching hence the delay but little did the others know, Dr. Werfel was asleep. Yes, you heard it right, he was sleeping like a baby. However, who can say that the mind ever rest are the demise of an individual. Dr. Werfel’s trained mind was racing in a plethora of directions before focusing on one callous thought – Quantum Physics. In fact, he did not even know what that was yet, until her reminisced his favorite scene thriller- ‘Interstellar’. Awoken, his mind and his body rejoined and jolted awake, the scientist reaching for his spectacles and phone simultaneously. Just then his phone pinged and the news channel stated – “Gandhi’s cat is out of the bag”. This famous idiom struck a sonorous chord in Werfel’s mind. He called up his frazzled secretary and ordered her to procure the nearest cat she could find and a box to hold it. She replied with “Oh sure! As soon as you decide to get that smart mind of yours to lab ...Now!” Taken aback by her rare outburst of chivalry, the scientist dismissed her plea with the very recurring statement – “Later.” Hanging up, he rushed to the loo where he was to attend his human needs and then morph back into the suave scientist he was. ‘Ding’ went the bell and ‘crash!’ came down a trail of tumult as the scientist bustled to open the door and receive his necessities. Shutting the cat in the box, the scientist’s hasty demeanor was whipped into a lethargic and relaxed one, with him appalling his already surprised secretary with an offer for coffee. As her ceaseless doubts resonated in the room, the bipolar Werfel replied with an outstretched arm and all was engulfed in deafening silence. He explained, “The experiment was merely a way to test quantum physics. The cat may be lucky and alive or damned and dead! So to think of it, the cat is neither dead nor alive or both alive and dead simultaneously.” With this paradoxical reasoning the secretary was more than confused. She rushed to release the cat of its impending doom and drew a breath when she saw it marvelously alive! The scientists smiled all knowingly and said “Well, I guess everything is as it should be!”*

4. The science event “Minute to Science It” for Grades 9 to 12 was conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> August. Four students were selected from each house to compete in a series of nerve wracking challenges within the time frame of a minute. It involved solving clues that would lead them to the ultimate theme of the event. The teams then had to complete a game of science- Pictionary- within 15 minutes. **Aditya S, Chinmay S, Chinmaya M and Dhvani R. bagged the first place** for the Explorers house, while **Ankit S, Raghavan G, Rohit K and Kanika M** from the Voyagers house came in **second** and closely behind in the third place was the **Challengers house** comprising **Manish K, Prithika R, Ayush A and Siddhant S.**

## 5. Class Assembly 9 A

The students of Grade 9A presented their assembly on the topic '**Importance of Choices**' on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August, 2017. At the outset, the skit brought to the fore the vital decisions one has to make while choosing studies or career over entertainment and electronic gadgets. It was followed by song, speech, dance and thought reiterating the importance of making the right choices in life. The students skillfully drove home the fact that the choice one makes entails responsibilities and consequences.



# OTHER EVENTS

## Guest Lectures

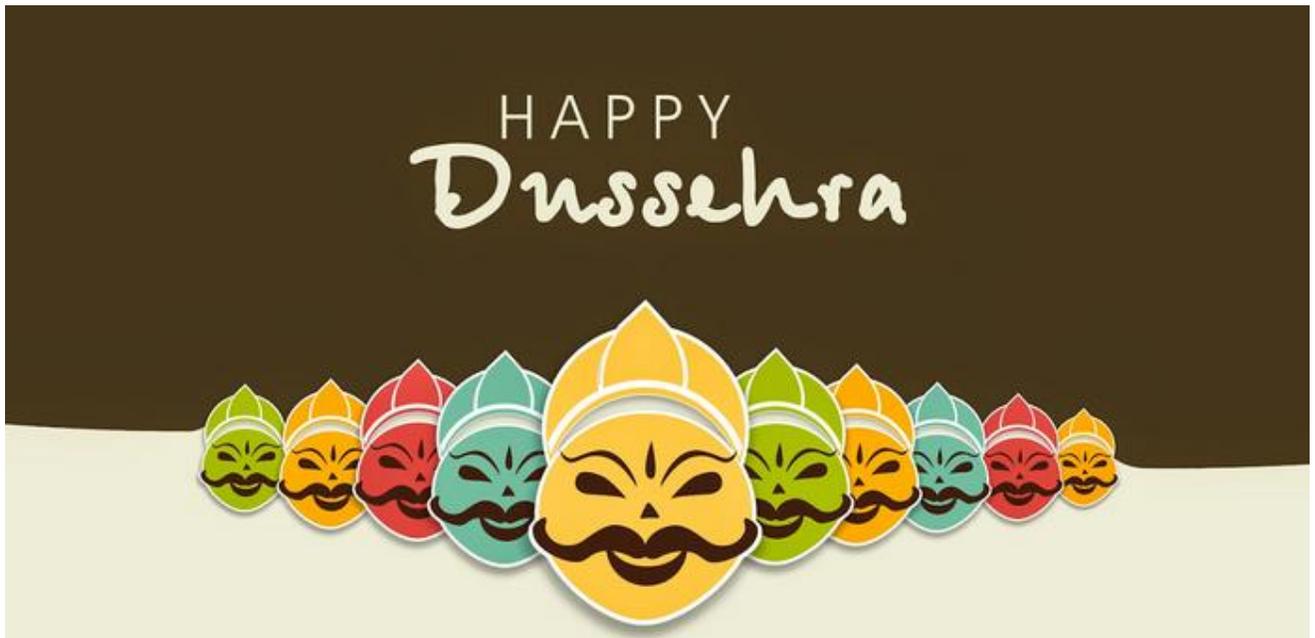
On the 18<sup>th</sup> of September Mrs. Julie Chiu from University of Southern California made a presentation on the various facilities the University had to offer as well as apprised the Grade 12 students on the procedure for admission.



## Continuing Professional Development

**Inclusive Education** - A Workshop on “Capacity Building” for teachers as part of inclusive education was conducted by CBSE at Presidency School, Kasturi Nagar on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2017. It was facilitated by Mr. Sandeep Jain and Ms. Manjula Raman. Our faculty members, Ms. Padmini Chandrashekar ( Primary) and Ms. Rema Satish ( Middle school) were among 70 other attendees. Teachers were apprised of various special needs of differently abled children and the means to integrate them into the regular system. Teachers were advised to exercise caution and be empathetic while handling these individuals.

*This marks the end of two interesting and effervescent months that included quite a few festivities to mark the celebrations in our calendar. We at NPS KRM bid you an ' Alvida' until we meet again...*



*"Surrender to what is. Let go of what was. Have faith in what will be" -  
Sonia Ricotti*