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**National Public School,
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Winners of Independence Day Bulletin Board Contest First Place – Pioneers and second - Explorers

“The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence”
Denis Waitley.

Welcome to another edition of our Newsletter! This month held a special significance in our hearts as we ushered in our 72nd Independence Day. Our children experienced how charity and empathy enriches the lives and spirit of the receiver as well as the giver by contributing generously. Apart from this, August was packed with a series of activities and programs that kept us buzzing busy as ever. Theatre visit, Yakshagana, Onam,, Class Assemblies, Inter-School and Inter-House competitions have been the order of the day and we hope you enjoy reading about them as much as we did participating and conducting them.

Major Events

NPSKMUN 2018

Model United Nations (MUN) has always been one of the best platforms for students to chisel their ability to debate, deliberate and be diplomatic. Keeping this in mind, our school hosted the second edition of NPSKMUN on the 3rd and

4th of August. Ten schools and more than 120 delegates from across the city engaged in heated discussion over the most pressing international issues. The conference extended over a wide array of international and humanitarian concerns with following committees- DISEC, ECOFIN, UNHRC, JCC:- Nato vs. Warsaw, and the International Criminal Court.

The Executive Board consisted of our alumni and students from various institutions across Bangalore and the Secretary General was our alumnus- **Nikhil Tony Idiculla.**

At the end of the conference, NPS HSR Layout emerged victorious, winning the **Best Delegation** trophy.



Independence Day Celebrations

Independence Day was celebrated with great fervor and pride with the hoisting of our tri - color and a special assembly by the students of **Grade 9C**.



The assembly portrayed the lives of those unsung heroes of our freedom struggle who never came to the limelight.



They were Jhalkari Bai, a woman soldier in the army of Rani Lakshmibai of Jhansi who rose to be the Queen's prominent advisor; Dr.Usha Mehta, an ardent believer and follower of the Mahatma Gandhi, helped set up an underground radio station – Secret Congress Radio.

An eloquent speech highlighted the sacrifice of our freedom fighters and the amazing heights reached by India in the past 71 years.

A melodious medley of patriotic songs and dance enthused the audience in true Independence Day spirit!

Cultural Coalescence

The month of August this year ushered in four major festivals - The Parsi New Year, Bakrid, Varamahalakshmi Vratham and Onam - in a row and saw us reveling in our ethnic, religious and cultural opulence.



To celebrate and highlight our unity in diversity, a short programme was staged by our students on 21st August. It began with expressing our compassion and solidarity

with the victims of the ravaging floods in Kerala and Kodagu. As an auspicious beginning to the programme, **Nithya Bharath of Grade 7** beautifully recited verses from Chapter 12 of the Bhagavad Gita. To celebrate the holy festival of Bakrid, **Hanim Omer from Grade 12** read a few verses from the Holy Quran with the **School Prefect Neha Sharon Jacob** presenting the translation. The programme was enriched by narratives of legends and stories behind each festival and their significance. A classical song in the Carnatic tradition, as a tribute to Goddess Laxmi with **Mukundh Balajee** on the vocals, **Abhiram Nitin** on the Mridangam and **Pragati** on the violin charmed the audience. It was indeed a harmonious blend of raga, taala and laya. A semi-classical dance performance by the students of **Grade 10** completed the wholesomeness of the experience.

Achievements

Felicitation by the Governor

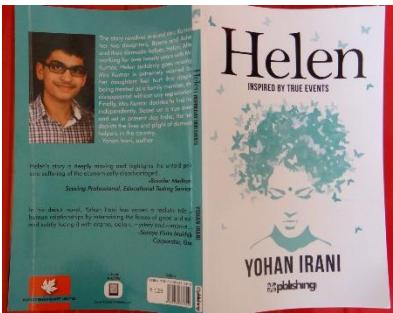
It is matter of great pride to us that **Arnesh Kundu**, alumnus 2017-18 was invited by the **Honourable Governor of Karnataka**,

Shri Vajubhai Vala at the Banquet hall, Rajbhavan on the 12th of August 2018 to be honoured at a special function for meritorious students for having secured **NATA CET Rank 1**.

He was accompanied by the Principal Ms. Jyotsna Nair and his parents. The award was presented by the former **ISRO chief, Shri A.S. Kiran Kumar**.



Literary Debut



Yohan Irani of Grade 12-B published his debut novel, “Helen” which is inspired by true events.

The Foreword by **Dr. Bindu Hari** applauds Yohan’s ‘relatable’ tale portraying ‘vivid characters’ with ‘lucid descriptions’. She expressed ‘pride and a personal sense of

fulfillment at Yohan’s literary achievement. Published by Maple Tree Private Limited the novel has been well received by the readers as a ‘realistic’ and ‘deeply moving tale of suffering of the economically disadvantaged and of human relationships by intertwining the forces of good and evil, and subtly lacing it with drama, action, mystery and romance.’ The novel is also available on Kindle.

Linguistics Olympiad

Niveditha S. Iyer of Grade 11A attended the International **Linguistics Olympiad 2018**, held in Prague from 23rd July to 3rd August.

She was selected to represent India as a part of the four member India Saffron Team through the Panini Linguistics Olympiad at the National round.

The Olympiad consisted of an individual contest and a Team contest. More than 200 participants from over 30 countries competed at the event.

The Team has made India proud, winning two **gold medals and a bronze medal** as well as two “**Best Solutions Award**”.

NPS Rajajinagar MUN

NPS Rajajinagar MUN was held from 28th, to 30th August. Students from NPS schools in Bangalore and Mysore participated, with over 270 delegates present.



Our school won the Best Delegation award. Shreya Aiyer and Advaita Krishnan from Grade 10 bagged the ‘Best Journalist’ award representing the Russian Times in the DISEC committee, and Anoushka Joshi and Devanshi

Dasgupta of Grade 9 won ‘Outstanding Journalist’ representing CNN in the FIFA council, as double delegations in the International Press Corps. **Prasanna Kumar, Parul G and Shubhi S of Grade 9** secured ‘Special Mentions’ in the FIFA council, DISEC and CRESI committees respectively. **Rysha S** got **Best Delegate** in the Security Council.

Hindu Young World

Rohith Paul of 11A and Shashank Jayant of 10 C aced the city finale of the **inter-school quiz competition** presented by National Insurance Company in association with The Hindu in School (THiS) on 8th August. 424 teams from across the city participated in the event.

Our students won the Regionals with a tally of 128 points. They represented Bengaluru at the national finale in Kolkata on August 31st and secured **4th position**.

Deccan Herald Quiz

In the Inter-school quiz competition organized by Deccan Herald in Education (DHIE) on 30th August, **Pranay Johari and Nihal Pinto of Grade 8** secured **3rd position** in the Senior category.

Amaatra Academy

A Parliamentary Debate was conducted on 31st August at the Amaatra Academy. Around 16 schools participated and our team comprising **Koka Satwik, Tanay Naidu Grade 10 B, Shivansh Sinha Grade 11 B**, emerged victorious. Koka Satwik was adjudged the **Best Speaker**.

Harvard Model United Nations 2018

The 8th session of HMUN India was held from the 12th to the 15th of August 2018. **Over 3000 delegates** attended the conference from all over the world. **Vidushi Bhartari of 11A**, representing Spain in the GA-3 SOCHUM, earned the **Honourable Delegate award** while **Sankalp Kundu received a Special Mention**.

‘Resolve’ was a series of assignments conducted by HMUN India, in which delegates had to solve world issues through successful world negotiation.

Ubaidullah Kazi of 12B was one of the finalists.

CoMUN 2018

Bishop Cotton Boys’ School conducted their annual Model United Nations

conference, CoMUN 2018, from July 30th to August 1st. Over 800 students participated.



- **Vidushi Bhartari (11A)** won Commendable Delegate in UNCTC representing DPRK.
- **Sankalp Kundu and Dhruv Nishanth(11B)** earned a special mention for being part of the Special Session on Space representing DPRK.

KALA 2018

Mallya Aditi International School hosted its annual music and cultural extravaganza, Kala 2018, on the 11th of August.

Budding musicians from across various schools in Bangalore participated in this competition. **Vinayaka M from grade 10 B** bagged the first place in the Indian classical solo event.

Anusha V from grade 9 C clinched the runners-up award in the same category.

Innowaves 2018

National Public School Indiranagar conducted its Commerce Fest, ‘Innowaves’, on the 10th August, 2018.

- **Raghav R and Saumya Raj** bagged the first place in ‘Pitch Perfect’
- **Siddhanth Srikanth, Siddharth Shahi and Aman Singla** secured second place in ‘Excelsior’
- Siddharth Shahi** also secured the title of ‘Best trader’
- **Aditya Mishra and Rahul Sudhakar** clinched the second place in ‘Inquest’

Vivum 2018

The sports and literary festival of The International School, Bangalore, was held with great vigor on the 23rd and 24th of August. Over 2000 students from various schools vied for various categories.

Mukundh Balajee and Rajdeep Nag of grade 12, Anshul Roy of Grade 10, and Dhruv Gopal, Samarpith Rout and Anurag Sritharan of Grade

11 secured the 2nd place in **Battle of the Bands**.

Tanisha Paramba of Grade 12 bagged the first place in the **Poetry Slam**.

Shreya Bera, Pooja Rajesh, Neha Sharon Jacob, Tanisha Paramba of Grade 12 and Pranav Parigi and Vidushi Bhartari of Grade 11 won first place in the event **Street Play**.

Paridhi Agarwal, Trisha Mukherjee, Animesh Bhaiji and Sumedha R of Grade 10 won 1st place in the improvised **Dance-Off**.

Sports

Katyayani Pandey of Grade 10 participated in the interschool Sportonix Club **Swimming Championship**. She secured first place in the freestyle, butterfly, and backstroke events.

On 11th August the Senior Boys’ Football team took part in an **Open Football Tournament** held at VeloCT, Sarjapur. It was a U-20 tournament with 15 other participating teams in which NPS KRM team consisting of students from **Grades 10, 11 and 12** bagged the second place while punching above their weight winning matches 2-0, 2-1 on penalties.

It’s worth mentioning here that though they lost the first place in the finals (3-1) against a much senior team,

the grit and hard work of our team on the field was purely admirable.

Other Events

Class Assemblies

Grade 9 A: A unique way to address **Problem Solving** was presented by Grade 9 A through their class assembly on 1st August, 2018. The problems discussed along with plausible solution, were not colossal ones like inequality, global warming or pollution, but the common day-to-day problems one generally faces.



They presented an amusing yet effective ‘Show-and-Tell’ on three typical cases namely, solving petty fights, choosing the right option among many

and prioritizing. In an effort to generate meaningful solutions to problems, they focused on tactful skills like diplomacy, compromise, forgiveness, farsightedness and patience. Falling back on humour and simple language, they put forth an impressive and meaningful performance.

Grade 9 B: “What’s in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet” -William Shakespeare

Class 9B presented their assembly on 8th August on the topic ‘**Social Labels in School**’. The core objective of the assembly was to explain how labelling penetrates deeper than merely the surface. Through a realistic and scintillating skit the real life problems students face every day in school was depicted.

The students highlighted the negative impacts of ‘oh-so-inoffensive’ labelling on impressionable minds and eloquently spoke about the mental trauma caused by social labels. The message conveyed was clear- it’s not the size of your waist or any exterior frivolous trifle that measures your worth but your true potential.



On Friday, 10th August the students of grades 1 to 5 were treated to this art form by Mr. Nagesh, a disciple of Guru Shivaiah. An exponent for the last 25 years, he performs all over India to spread cultural awareness about this age-old tradition and folk-lore of Karnataka. It was a visual treat that showcased various characters from our epics. The session was interactive and left the audience enthralled and engrossed.

Interhouse competitions

Independence Day Bulletin Boards – Art, creativity and love for our land found lucid expression in the decoration of bulletin boards on the occasion of ‘Independence Day’. Whether it was a pictorial tour of the iconic monuments or our cultural harmony, the presentation by students of Grades 9 & 10 was captivating.

When the hour of judgment came, the Pioneers aced it with the Explorers ringing in second followed by the Challengers.

Art Club- Flower Carpet – Pookalam



The first Inter-House competition of the year for the Middle School was held on 21st August 2018 and was conducted by the Art Club. In commemoration of the grand festival Onam, the students of grades 6 to 8 created a Pookalam or rangoli of flowers.

In groups of four, each house displayed immense team spirit and worked with vigour and enthusiasm to make their own masterpieces. Their designs were impeccable and the outcome was indeed marvelous.

To lift their spirits, House vice-captains cheered on their representatives. It was extremely challenging for the judges to select the winners. **The Explorers** emerged victorious grabbing the first place.

The Voyagers, not far behind, placed second while **the Pioneers** stood third.

All teams performed exceptionally well going far and beyond everybody's expectations.

Visit to Old Age Home

In continuation to the SEWA (Social Empowerment through Work Education and Action) programme, students of all the three sections of **Grade 10** paid their second visit to the residents of **Little Sister's Home of the Aged and Poor** on the 9th, 20th and 31st of August respectively.

They learnt valuable lessons of life which make them socially responsible citizens.

They spent an enriching time with our senior citizens. This time they made the atmosphere sunny and lively by interacting, singing, playing flute and playing popular board games with them.



Parent Teacher Conference

Grade 2 had their first PTM on 4th August. Parents were

encouraged to keep teachers in the loop regarding any difficulty their child faces in understanding concepts. The importance of children partaking a healthy breakfast, snack and lunch along with getting adequate amount of sleep on a daily basis was also impressed upon them. During the meeting Parents understood how significant it is for their wards to be well – groomed and for them to actively participate in school activities. The need for acknowledgement and timely follow up of any communication and correspondence from school was emphasized.

Grade 8 PTM was also conducted on Saturday, 4th August. The objective of the meeting was to apprise parents of their wards' progress and review their performance in the recently conducted PT1 exams. Parents as well as the students were guided on areas like time management, preparation for exams, orientation towards academics etc. The interactive session proved to be immensely beneficial.

Grade 4 Parent Teacher Conference was held on 11th August to discuss various facets of the students' learning. Focus was on

academics and attention was drawn to good and bad behavioral patterns in the classroom, wherever necessary.

Grade 7 PTM was also held on 11th August. The meeting served as an ideal platform for the parents to discuss about their wards' progress and review their performance in the recently conducted PT1 exams. Teachers imparted valuable tips and advice to the students to overcome their grey areas in academics. Parents were also enlightened on areas like effective time management, preparation for exams, orientation towards academics etc.

Workshops

1. A lecture was conducted by **Ms. Sree Vidhya P** on Global Learning Difficulties and Specific Learning Difficulties at Spastic Society of Karnataka on 11th August 2018. It was organised for a group of enthusiastic students doing a course on the Certificate Program in Management of Children with Problems in Regular Classroom –Inclusive Education.

2. Sampurna Monfort, Bengaluru in collaboration with **Mukta Foundation** conducted a workshop on **27th July 2018** on Understanding

Child Abuse. The resource person was Ms. Suja Sukumaran of Enfold Proactive Health Trust. The workshop was attended by Ms. Anju Chokani and Ms. Sree Vidhya P. It gave an in depth insight into different types of child abuse, its effects, steps for child care and protection of children through Sexual Offences Act (POCSO).

3. Organised by CBSE, the Prospective Resource Persons Orientation Programme in '**Classroom Management**' was held on 20th-21st August 2018 at Mahila Samaj Seva Sr.Sec. School. Piloted by the Dr. Manjula Raman and Dr. Dakshayini Kanna, it was attended by Ms. Sree Vidhya P and Ms. Geeta Kathait. The objective of the workshop was to adopt managerial skills and techniques which will help teachers to establish classroom order and discipline; devise an effective discipline plan for their classrooms; create an effective teaching style which enhances teaching and learning; adopt effective strategies for dealing with large classes effectively and to develop a personal plan of action for effective classroom management.

4. University of Canterbury

Conducted a session for the students of Grade 11 and 12 to discuss the various options for admissions to the University.



5. Design and Architecture Workshop was held for the students of Grade 11 on 9th August. Architect Ms. Kavya M. Bhege from the Design Venue conducted a workshop that began with an engaging presentation on Company names and went on to provide an insight into the process of application to design colleges all over India.

The architect is an Associate Professor and heads - Design Avenue. With over a decade of practical experience, she was part of the team that won the prestigious “Visual Merchandising and Design Award”. She has a passion for teaching and mentoring students for various entrance exams. The requirements for various entrance exams, along with the break-up of marks for admission to the five year course, was discussed at length.

Community Outreach programmes

It is unfortunate that in several rural areas women do not have access to sanitary pads for their menstrual cycle. They often have to resort to rags, sand or ash. Using these

materials can cause severe health related issues. Moreover, there is nothing that women can do to improve the situation as discussing the menstrual cycle is taboo.

We realized that cloth pads are the most convenient, affordable and ecofriendly solution to this problem. So, our students conducted a drive in co-operation with NGO GOONJ and the DrumBeat Movement, led by Vilina Gupta and Ayush Agrawal of 12A from the 2nd to 6th of July for the purpose of donating cotton cloth for creation of producing sanitary cloth pads.

The response from the student body was stupendous and the students in charge were able to collect 7 big cartons filled to the brim with clothes for the cause.

STRIVE

Last year, students of **Grades 9-12** collected newspapers in a week long drive. Strive, an organization led by **Chandana Satish**, alumnus of NPSK, recycled over a thousand kilos of newspapers and converted them into over 500 lined notebooks. These notebooks were donated to orphanages and the Parangipalya Government School, HSR. **Ananya Shivaraj Grade 10C** and **Niveditha S Iyer Grade 11A** interacted with students of Grades 1 -7 of the government school on 14th August, 2018

and volunteered with Strive to distribute the notebooks.

Collection Drive for flood victims

We are together with our nation through thick and thin. Our students showed immense solidarity and empathy towards the Kerala flood victims who were left homeless in the recent traumatizing inundation. The students of Grade 9B, under the able guidance of their **Class Teacher, Ms. Vipina Karthik**, took the initiative and organized a collection drive in the school. Children from Grades 1-12 contributed generously by donating clothes, shoes, medicines, notebooks, dry food and other essential daily utility items. Even though the drive was held only for two days, the response was overwhelming.



The collected material was sorted into different categories, sealed and then packed into large cartons by the students. 65 boxes were transported to the District Collector's office in Palakkad as a small token of our empathy for the people of Kerala.

Staff Contribution to Kerala and Coorg District Flood Relief

The destruction and devastation caused by the flood has rendered thousands of families homeless (estimated 1.5 to 2.5 million people). The extremely distressing and heart-breaking flood situation had paralysed the people across the two states. The NPS KRM family rose to the occasion and extended their benevolent support to the unfortunate victims by contributing a day's salary towards the noble cause of rehabilitation. These contributions will be consolidated and sent to the Prime Minister's/ Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

Field Trip/Visits

Stories of Scheherzade

The students of Grade 5 went on a field trip to Chowdiah Memorial Hall on 3rd August to watch a performance on 'The Stories of Scherazade', directed by Zulfia Shekh.

The Bangalore School of Speech and Drama had organized the event for the school children to give them an exposure of live theatre. The students were taken on a dazzling trip of melody and magic through the colourful legend of Scheherazade, the greatest storyteller of the

ancient Arabian world. Overall it was an enthralling experience for our children setting the right mood for Ahan; our upcoming cultural extravaganza this year.

Plantation Drive

"A man doesn't plant a tree for himself. He plants it for posterity." Alexander Smith

To reinforce the importance of a Green Clean cover to save our environment the students of Grades 1 to 5, planted a few saplings on the 30th of August.



Early Learning

Nature's Basket

Nature's basket was the theme for this month's learning. Children took part enthusiastically in the class discussions, action songs and

rhymes pertaining to nature. Freshers brought fruits of their choice to school and enjoyed making ‘fruit salad’, they also spoke a few lines about each fruit. They learnt the names of numerous fruits and vegetables through a video presentation on the topic. A video on the ‘Lifecycle of a Butterfly’ gave them a peep into nature’s mysterious ways.

For the Seniors, a nature walk, coupled with creating a collage of things collected by them, completed the picture.



Focus on different types of land and water-forms e.g. lake, island, bay, gulf etc. helped them to understand and appreciate the bounties of nature. A truly fruitful venture!



Independence Day by singing patriotic songs and engaging in creative craft

activity based on the Independence Day theme.

On 31st August, 2018, Juniors went on a field trip to a Supermarket and were given an opportunity to shop. It was a novel learning experience indeed!!



A visit to Nilgiris Supermarket

“Schools are an ideal place for establishing healthy eating habits.” by Karan J. Coleman As the culmination of the EVS topic ‘The food We Eat’ children of KG 1 were taken to Nilgiris Supermarket on 20th August.

The attention of the students was drawn to the different characteristics of various fruits and veggies like colour, shape, texture and size.

They learnt about various dairy products such as milk, butter, cheese, yoghurt. They

also saw the vast spread of breads, pulses, grains and of course, the ubiquitous junk food like chips, chocolates and cookies. Sources of these food items and differentiation between vegetarian and non-vegetarian food were explained to them. The short fun trip reiterated the message of eating healthy and keeping fit.



To bring to an end to this August edition, **“We must build dikes of courage to hold back the flood of fear” Martin Luther King Jr.** We end this edition by paying somber tributes and expressing our solidarity with the flood victims in various parts of the country. It is “Adeus” or Good bye (in Portuguese) From the Newsdesk until we meet again!

7 Decades Of Development



Winners of Independence Day Bulletin Board Contest Third Place – Challengers and Fourth - Voyagers

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