

**NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL RAJAJINAGAR, BANGALORE**  
**FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK**  
**AN OVERVIEW OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2018 - 2019**

**March 2019**

Dear Parents

Thank you for your continued support, commitment and dedication to building a learning environment that best serves our children.

Your support has been overwhelming and is truly heartfelt. Most importantly, thank you for sending your child to school with a positive attitude about learning, a healthy respect for those with whom they interact, and a desire to accept, embrace and celebrate their uniqueness.

*It has been an enriching experience for our students as they participated in a variety of sessions in music and the arts, science, technology and sports, taking learning beyond the classroom.*

**COLOUR DAY**

The KG I students celebrated Colour Day in their unique colorful attire, with a puppet show followed by rhymes associated with "Colour is the essence of life". Green Day too was celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm by students of KG II. They learnt the importance of trees and the colour green and the positive effect it has on our lives. Many activities like sowing seeds, watching audio-visuales and rhymes pertaining to conservation of trees were organised for them.

**TENDER FEET 2018**

The spirit of sportsmanship came alive at the Kindergarten Sports Day "Tender Feet". The lighting of the ceremonial torch was followed by colourful displays and innovative races that were a treat to the eye.

**GRANDPARENTS' DAY**

Grandparents play an important role in the lives of children and in appreciation of this, the tiny tots brought their grandparents to school and entertained them by singing and dancing. The grandparents also viewed the art work of the students exhibited in their classrooms and enjoyed a photo session with their grandchildren – truly a day that will be etched in their memories.

**PANCHALOHA – AN ALCHEMY OF LIFE**

PANCHALOHA, an eclectic mix of mythology, history, tradition and folklore from different parts of India was staged by the students of Grades 7 & 8. The five sagas depicted – devotion, courage, humour, wisdom

and peace - were indeed a true exhibition of India's great culture and heritage and a celebration of unity amidst diversity.

### **CLASH OF THE BANDS '18**

An inaugural inter-house music fest "Clash of the Bands" was conducted with auditions for each house and formation of bands - an event managed completely by students who made enthusiastic preparations - selecting songs and practicing after class and performed with gusto. Pegasus house won the first place, followed by Centaur, Orion and Phoenix.

### **TIME TO ACT, TIME TO CHANGE**

R-NPSMUN-2018- the maiden inter-school MUN conference, forged new friendships and ties between students of the NPS group of schools and was a great platform for learning diplomacy, honing oratory skills and getting connected with world affairs.

### **PANORAMA-2018**

With a view to encourage and inculcate scientific temper amongst students, Panorama-a science fair was organized by the students of Grade I and II. The exhibits included creative and innovative still models, working models and demonstrations based on science in real life.

### **ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS MEET 2018**

The Annual Sports Meet for students of Grades III to V, was held amidst great vigour and camaraderie. A well-synchronised March Past, splendid displays involving mass participation, and relays by students of Grade V made the day memorable.

### **SPECTRUM 2018-19**

A fanfare of ingenious ideas both satiating and avid was organized by the students of Grades IX and XI at their Science Fair – Spectrum that was indeed a breathtaking sojourn through the realms of Science.

### **MARKET DAY 2018**

Market Day saw the young entrepreneurs of Grade VI clad in their traditional best, buzzing with excitement, energy and enthusiasm as parents made their way to the stalls to savour the products manufactured and marketed by their wards. The significance to the day was that the proceeds from the sales would be donated to support the less fortunate under the School Outreach Program – a learning experience for the children too.

### **SAPA IN SCHOOLS**

A program inspired by the Subramaniam Academy of Performing Arts, SaPa in Schools, provides high quality music education as part of the school curriculum. It aims to teach global music to children from an

early age. Learning is activity based and students have access to simple instruments and specially created video content.

An interactive musical session by Mr. Akshay Anantapadmanabhan and Mr. Vivek Sadasivam from SaPa , the visit of Prof John Vinge and Prof Vegar Storsve from the Norwegian Academy of Music and the “Thayir Sadam” program, a melange of electronic and Carnatic music by renowned musicians – Ambi Subramaniam, Bindu Subramaniam and Mahesh Raghvan – were spell binding.

### **SRI PURANDARADASA AND THYAGARAJA ARADHANE**

The second edition of Sri Purandaradasa and Thyagaraja Aradhane was held where young artists of grades IV – XII made their mark singing kritis and presenting musical renditions. The wide array of instrumentalists comprised flautists, violinists, veena and sitar players and percussionists.

### **ENVIRONMENT DAY - A DAY FOR GRANNY EARTH**

Environment Day 2018 saw an impressive presentation by the students of Grade XII. Speeches and a song stressed on the importance of preserving Mother Earth for future generations – while an on the spot painting competition highlighted the hazards of indiscriminate use of plastic. The symbolic planting of a sapling by the Principals, reiterated our commitment to a green, clean earth!

### **NO TOBACCO DAY**

Students of Grade X did their bit to enlighten and educate their peers on the pitfalls of smoking on both body and mind. Informative speeches, skits based on real-life situations and a self-composed song amply illustrated the ill-effects of this scourge. Students took an oath to keep away from smoking and encourage others to abstain from the same.

### **A TRIP TO VIDHANA SOUDHA**

“I saw the Chief Minister!” “I saw the Minister for Higher Education!” – these were some of the reactions during the Grade X educational trip to Vidhana Soudha. A brief on history and structure of the Vidhana Soudha by the parliamentary guide and a visit to the Assembly Hall to watch the orderly proceedings were the highlights. Students witnessed how the corridors of power function.

### **SEWA –SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT THROUGH WORK EDUCATION AND ACTION**

SEWA aims to develop students into active citizens and compassionate humans. It takes learning beyond the classroom and beyond the boundaries of the school, building bridges with the world in meaningful and positive ways. Students of Grade X were actively involved in this program, with several activities ranging from inviting the support staff for a breakfast get-together and thanking them for their hard work in keeping

a clean and hygienic ambience in the school, to an interactive session spreading the awareness and importance of organ donation, as well as a visit and self-confidence building initiative for women at a slum under the aegis of an NGO – the I-Care Foundation.

### **RASHTREEYA EKTA DIVAS**

To mark the occasion of National Unity Day, students created posters highlighting the achievements of Sardar Vallabhai Patel. A speech and a pledge at the morning assembly reiterated the importance and need for unity in these strife-ridden times.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS DAY AND FLAG DAY**

*‘To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity’ - Nelson Mandela.*

Students made informative speeches and enacted a street play depicting the importance of human rights and took a pledge to respect one another and STAND UP for one’s rights.

Flag Day was also observed to pay tribute to the Armed Forces of India, who courageously guard our borders and sacrifice their lives for the country.

### **MATH DAY AND SCIENCE DAY**

Activities, assemblies, presentations, quizzes galore were presented by students of primary, middle and high school to bring out the essence of Math Day and Science Day. The students enthusiastically put up an exhibition of activities that displayed their mathematical and scientific temperament.

### **DONATION DRIVE**

*“You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”*

Karnataka and Kerala were devastated with floods, landslides and incessant rains.

Students lent a helping hand to alleviate their suffering by conducting a donation drive – clothes, blankets, milk powder, rice, pulses, sugar and sanitary napkins were collected, segregated, packed neatly and delivered to the Kodava Samaj, Vasanthnagar to be transported to Madikeri.

The members of the staff too pitched in by contributing a day’s salary which was remitted to the Prime Minister’s Flood Relief Fund.

*We have listened in awe as their achievements were described at many celebration events. They have excelled in so many fields which is impossible to be listed here. The following are the achievements of our students during the academic year of 2018-2019 in academic studies, sport, music, and the arts, to name just a few and we are justly proud of them.*

### **GOTHENBERG BASKETBALL FESTIVAL**

The U-13 teams of girls and boys of our school participated in the Gothenberg Basketball Festival 2018 – one of Europe’s largest youth tournaments in basketball. The girls were pitted against 52 teams from 4 different countries. They made it to the play-offs by reaching the 3<sup>rd</sup> position in their group. They claimed the top spot by winning the final game and bringing home the trophy.

### **STATE LEVEL BASKETBALL CAMP**

Ishika Jindal (XI), Sanjana Murthy (IX), Tanisha Wodeyar (X), Tisha (VI), Priyanka B and Amogha V Prasad (VIII) were selected in the U-13 category for the State Basketball Team.

### **VIDYAMANYA CUP – State Level Interschool Basketball Tournament 2019**

Our Basketball teams secured

- Runners Up in U-16 Girls
- II Runners up in U-13 Girls
- II Runners up in U-13 & U-16 Boys

### **10<sup>th</sup> JAMES NAISMITH CUP 2018 – State level Basketball Tournament**

At the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of James Naismith Cup 2018 held in Mangalore, four Basketball teams of U-16 and U-18 Boys and Girls clinched the title in all four categories, outplaying over 55 teams. The Most Valuable Player award was bagged by Yashas A B (U-16)

### **CBSE Cluster VIII Basketball Tournament 2018**

The U-17 Boys won the 2<sup>nd</sup> Runners-up position and the U-17 Girls took the Winner’s spot, and qualified to represent the State at the CBSE Nationals Basketball Tournament at Agra. Sanjana Murthy was adjudged ‘Best Player of the Tournament’. 86 teams from 60 schools competed at the National Level and our U-16 Girls team won the 2<sup>nd</sup> Runners-up position.

### **CBSE Clusters South Zone Athletic Meet**

Adit Viswanath (VIII) won a gold medal in Long Jump which qualified him to participate in the CBSE National Athletic Meet.

### **CBSE National Skating Competition**

Dheemanth Mahesh (IV) skated his way to 2 silver medals at the National level. He had earlier won a silver medal at the South zone Skating Competition in the 300 mts Time trial.

### **CBSE South Zone Swimming Competition**

Sanvi S and Anvesha Girish (VIII) won 2 golds and 1 silver medal each, while Dhruti Deshpande (VIII) and Siddhi Gautam Shah (V), notched up a silver medal each at the South zone level.

### **CBSE National Swimming Competition**

Sanvi S (VIII) won 2 Gold medals and 1 silver, while Anvesha Girish (VIII) took 1 gold and 2 silver medals at various categories at the National level. The two swimmers also won a silver medal each in the swimming competitions held at **Khelo India Youth Games**.

### **JUNIOR NBA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

- The Girls U-14 Team bagged the title of Junior NBA Basketball Champions.
- Sourav B S and Priyanka B (VIII) have been selected to feature in the All Star Nationals to be held in New Delhi in April 2019.

### **FMSCI Rotax Max National Karting Championship 2018**

Mihir S Avalakki (IX) driving for Birel Art India, finished as Winner, in Round 2 of FMSCI Rotax Max National Karting Championship 2018 (Junior Category), at Chicane Circuit, Hyderabad. He is placed Second in the Overall Championship for 2018. Mihir also represented Birel Art India at the EasyKart Championship in Italy, Europe. He raced in six different International Racing Circuits in Italy and is currently placed Seventh in the Championship among 32 drivers.

### **OLDHAM CUP, SINGAPORE**

An avid debater, Aditi Varshini Chandra, Grade X, was one of the 10 best speakers at the Interschool Parliamentary Debate conducted by National Law School of India, Bangalore and emerged winner at the regional level. After many grueling rounds of competition spread over 5 days with 54 of the finest debaters from across the country, Aditi was selected to be a part of the Indian Debating Squad and will be travelling to Singapore in April to compete for the renowned Oldham Cup!

### **TIMES SPARK – READ TO LEAD**

Times Spark, an initiative by Times of India, encourages students of Grades IX - XII to develop reading, thus helping them understand society and environment better. It involved an online test and an interview to assess the participants' understanding about various subjects like current affairs, science & technology,

sports, politics, social issues, etc. Shatakshi Sarangi (XII), Bharath Shankar (XI) and Ruhi Mitra (X) emerged winners and were awarded cash prizes between Rs 1,00,000-2,00,000 as scholarships under the READ TO LEAD programme.

### **DEEN DAYAL SPARSH YOJANA – PHILATELY SCHOLARSHIP**

Maitreyi Muralidhar (VI) was awarded a scholarship of Rs 6000/- per annum and a Certificate of Merit from the Dept. of Posts, Ministry of Communications, Govt. of India on the basis of a quiz and project based on philately.

### **CATCH THEM YOUNG**

Harshita K Shenoy (VIII) was selected for training in Software Development in the Catch 'em Young contest conducted by Infosys.

### **KALARIPAYATTU Champion**

At the Kalaripayattu Championship of Karnataka 2018-19 held in Bangalore, Anchita Gopkumar (IX) won a bronze medal in Chuvadukal, a long timed sequence comprising different attacks and defense techniques. She also won silver medals in Kaipporu, a series of unarmed, full contact combats and in High-kick and qualified for the Nationals.

### **BRAIN BEE- NEUROSCIENCE COMPETITION**

Chinmay K Haritas (XII) won 2<sup>nd</sup> position at the National level Brain Bee, conducted by the Society for Neurosciences, International Brain Research Organisation, Maryland USA and The Indian National Brain Bee. Mahitha Hithendra (XI) was First Runner up at the State Level- 2019 and will represent Karnataka at the Nationals in April 2019.

### **STUDENT OF THE YEAR**

Ruhi Mitra(X) was City Winner for the Student of the Year Award by Global SOTY Foundation and USA University Quest. Ruhi Mitra has also been selected for an online Mentoring program as the winner of '1000 Girls 1000 Futures Program' conducted by the New York Academy of Sciences.

### **FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAM – 1 MILLION FOR 1 BILLION**

1 Million for 1 Billion is a skills development and entrepreneurship program that aims at empowering one million young people to create jobs for one billion people. As a part of its Future Leaders initiative to create a new brand of socially conscious leaders who are connected to their communities, three of our students of

Grade XI were provided with a one-of-its-kind opportunity to present their work at the UN headquarters in New York.

- Shrish R's project Aqua Udyog aims to generate employment in rural areas with an eco-friendly and cost effective aquaculture project.
- Shashank Noubade worked on reducing single use plastic in shops and homes
- Shreekar Puranik presented his idea on equipping students, cab drivers and the neighbourhood community with first aid and basic emergency response skills.

### **TALENT OUTREACH**

Sukeerth Ramkumar, Dhruv Dange, Omkar Durgada, Avyay Irde, Krishna Bajaj, Anmol Rao (XI) were selected for Talent Outreach – a platform to build solutions for a specific problem by CISCO. They developed an app called WELOFT- solutions for apartment problems.

Vivaan Iyer (IV) clinched the 10<sup>th</sup> position at the National Level in the IQ Olympiad Contest conducted by Conquest.

Aditi Arun (X) and Sukeerth Ramkumar (XI) qualified for The Indian National Math Olympiad 2018-19.

Sukeerth Ramkumar (XI) secured the NTSE State level scholarship for the year 2017-18.

Bharat Shankar, Srijan Chakraborty, Sushant Shenoy and Sukeerth Ramkumar(XI) and Keerthana M Arun, A Akshatha and Chinmay K Haritas(XII) qualified for the interview level of the Kishore Vygyanik Protsahan Yojana Scholarship 2018-19.

We are extremely happy to inform you that we have achieved 100% results in the All India Secondary School Examination (Class X) and All India Senior School Certificate Examination (Class XII) 2017-18.

### **SUMMER VACATION AND DATES OF RE-OPENING**

The school will remain closed from 31 March 2019 for the summer vacation. The detailed schedule of the re-opening of the school is as follows:

<b>Classes</b>	<b>Day and Date of Reopening</b>
Class 9, 10, 11 and 12	Wednesday, 29 May 2019
Class 1 to 8	Thursday, 06 June 2019

## **TEXTBOOKS AND NOTEBOOKS**

We have come across a large number of parents who have expressed their concern and difficulty in organizing textbooks and other materials well on time. We have made arrangements for books and materials from different agencies and will distribute them to the students in order to avoid any academic loss when the school re-opens. The prescribed cost and schedule of issue of books is notified to the students separately.

## **APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER CERTIFICATE**

We have tremendous pressure from parents seeking admission both from India and abroad. In this context, it would be appreciated if parents of wards who are withdrawing from the school from the next academic year could inform us of the same latest by Wednesday, 20 March 2019.

## **ANNUAL FEES**

The annual fees for the **academic year 2019-2020 may please be remitted in the school office between 8.30 am and 11 am from Friday, 22 March 2019 to Friday, 5 April 2019.** The mode of payment of fee will be notified on the school website shortly. We presume that the students who do not remit the fees by the due date will not be continuing in the school for the next academic year.

It is our endeavor to always seek to do better; to challenge ourselves and our students to set the highest standards in education and achieve ambitious goals.

I would like to wish you all the very best for the summer vacation. We look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed, for what will be another exciting new academic year.

Best regards,

Sincerely yours

**DR K P GOPALKRISHNA**

**Chairman, NPS Group of Institutions, NAFL and TISB**