

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

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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.

Rhapsody Week, the first of its kind held in the school, brought our students and teachers on a common platform to build a purposeful sense of community. It sought to promote the development and communication of positive school policies and enhance the overall school philosophy. The concept of *Rhapsody* week is to enrich and empower students to creatively present their ideas and awareness through skits, songs, stories, posters and bulletin board activities as they set out on a journey of discovery and learning.

Some of the events of the year which ended on a high note were our first ever alumni meet, *Encore 2018*, our Commerce Fest *Innowaves*, our Science Fest, *Scientifica 2018*, our junior sports day, *Heats & Feats*, and *Beyond the Rupee*, our journal on Economics to provide a platform for our senior Commerce students to express their ideas, opinions and analyze various economic issues. The maiden session of *Compass 2018 - Finding Direction*, was hosted for students and parents of Grade 10 designed to provide a platform to the audience, to receive guidance in making an informed decision regarding the choice of streams for Grade 11.

RAGASUDHA is an annual event held every year in February to celebrate the rich heritage of Indian Classical Music as we pay a tribute to the great Saint Thyagaraja, featuring artists from amongst our very own students, parents and faculty members.

SaPa: We have successfully implemented 'SaPa' inspired by the Subramaniam Academy of Performing Arts Schools' Programme in NPS Indiranagar during the last academic year to the Pre-School and the Primary students. 'Thayir Sadam Project' which is a blend of electronic and Carnatic music by the renowned musicians-Ambi Subramaniam, Bindu Subramaniam and Mahesh Raghvan was an incredibly satisfying and an enjoyable interactive music session.

In addition to exploring their curiosities and developing both socially and physically, our students have been a part of experiencing the thrill of challenge and competition, the spirit of teamwork, and a sense of accomplishment.

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE: On the 27 and 28 July 2018, National Public School Indiranagar hosted the inaugural edition of its Parliamentary Debate Tournament, NPSIPD 2018, holding the distinction for being the first school to host an inter school parliamentary debate tournament. In this exciting debating extravaganza, participants had to debate across a variety of motions, following the Asian Parliamentary Debate format. 16 teams from Bangalore, Chennai and Mysore participated enthusiastically in the tournament.

ARTHIKA: Our annual art exhibition, Arthika 2019 had various works of art. From sand sculptures to paintings and from photography section to painted bottles, there was a large variety of art work and forms displayed; the central theme of the exhibition being Ajanta and Ellora Cave paintings. Mural paintings of the Buddha adorned the walls

We have listened in awe as their achievements were described at many celebration events. They have excelled in so many fields that it is impossible to list them all here. The following are their achievements in their academic studies, sport, music, and the arts, to name just a few and we are justly proud of them.

We would like to share with you some achievements of our students during the academic year of 2018-2019:

Aparna Gupte

International Linguistics Olympiad 2018

This year, the International Linguistics Olympiad 2018 was held at the Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague, Czechia from 26 July to 30 July. 192 contestants in 48 teams, representing 29 countries, participated in the 16th International Linguistics Olympiad. Aparna Gupte of Class 12 won a silver medal and a 'Best Solution Award' for Problem 2 in the Individual Round of the competition.

Vrishab Krishna, Viswesh Krishna

'Kanna' pre-screening tool was developed by Viswesh Krishna of Class 12 and Vrishab Krishna of Class 10 to detect amblyopia, an eye disorder which causes an eye to slowly deteriorate leading to blindness. They have also presented their project at the IRIS National Fair from 2 – 4 December 2018 in Delhi, India's largest research-based science fair for students. They won the Grand Award at the fair and will now represent India at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF).

Vedaant Ramkumar, Siddharth L Pai

Sri Ram College of Commerce conducted an event, Young Leaders' Initiative as part of their annual Business Conclave. Out of 300 teams which participated in the first online round, 12 were invited to SRCC, Delhi for the final round from 14 February 2019 to 16 February 2019. The rounds spanned a variety of different areas: from mock stock to making a business plan and even playing poker. After six gruelling rounds, our team of Siddharth L Pai and Vedaant Ram from class XI were adjudged the overall winners of the event.

Siddhant Attavar

Summer Institute for the Gifted (SIG) Camp – Berkley 2018

Siddhant Attavar of class 8 had recently participated in the Summer Institute for the Gifted (SIG) camp at the University of California, Berkeley 2018. From learning about various technologies used on NASA rockets, space shuttles, and even on the ISS (International Space Station), to running a start-up, and developing a successful product for the market, Siddhant had the chance to develop skills which would help him later on in his life.

Tanish Singh Khurana

Innovation Challenge @ IIT Mumbai

This year SOF, National Science Olympiad conducted an Innovation Challenge in collaboration with Tech Fest IIT Mumbai. Students of classes 8, 9 and 10 from more than 1000 schools all over India participated in this challenge. Tanish Singh Khurana of class 8 was selected among the top 20 students chosen for the final round, which was conducted at IIT Mumbai. Tanish breezed through the final round securing Rank 3. He was awarded a Smart Tablet, a Bluetooth speaker and an all-expense paid 10-day trip to the International Smart Holiday Winter Camp in Russia.

Diya Sinha, Ignites a Spark

Teen Turks is a stand up competition held by Spark Career Mentors in collaboration with IBM. 200 teams from all over the country participated in this event. Diya Sinha of Class 11 emerged Runner Up for her start up aid for cancer in this event. Diya was conferred a trophy, a certificate and a cash award for this initiative.

Shivani P, our Boxing Champ

Shivani P of Class 9 secured a Gold Medal in CBSE South Zone Boxing Championship and a Silver in CBSE National Boxing Championship.

Aahana Sophia Jabulee, our Martial Artist

Aahana Sophia Jabulee of Class 5, NPS Indiranagar, was the winner of 4 Gold Medals at the 3rd Open National Taekwondo Championship 2019 organized by the Horangee Taekwondo Academy in Pune from January 18–21, 2019. Aahana, who has subsequently earned her 1st Dan Black Belt on February 2, 2019, won her gold medals in the Kyurugi (sparring) as well as Poomsae (display exercise) at Individual, Pair and Group Sub-Junior categories.

Sohini Kayal Tunes Up for Rank No 1

Sohini Kayal of Class 9 wrapped up the first place at Karnataka State, ranking No. 1 in the Girls Doubles U15 category as per the Ranking List published by Karnataka Badminton Agency (KBA).

Our Badminton Girl, Tanya

She is one cut above the rest, our own golden girl who combines winning hearts with winning gold medals. None other than Tanya Hemanth of Class 10, she won Gold under -19 in the Dubai Junior Badminton International Series conducted by BWF, in September 2018. At the national level, Tanya bagged Bronze for Under-17 Doubles in Sub-Junior Nationals Tournament at Bangalore 2018. On home ground Tanya was declared State Champion of Under-17 Singles and Under-17 Doubles and then went on to win Silver in Under-17 in Mixed Doubles. Tanya represented Karnataka State for Under-19 Nationals at Lucknow.

Akshay Neranjen Gives his Best Shot

Akshay Neranjen of class 12 is a talented 17 year old golfer who has been playing in the IGU National Junior Golf Circuit as well as the IGU National Men's Amateur Golf Circuit since 2018.

Out of his 4 starts in the Junior Tour this year, he secured all top 5 finishes including a 3rd place at the Maharashtra Juniors at the Oxford Golf Resort, Pune and most importantly an emphatic win in the Karnataka Juniors at the Clover Greens Golf Course, Bangalore by a record margin of 7 strokes. He represented India at the 84th Singha Thailand Men's Amateur Golf Championship at Bangkok. Akshay finished Runners Up in the prestigious All India Junior Golf Championship which was held from 10-14 December 2018 at the Eagleton Golf Resort, Bangalore.

The Infosys Catch Them Young Program

This is an effort by the IT giant to inculcate computer science skills in children. 4 students, Vishnu Sampathkumar, Krish Debroy, Vishal Muthuvel and Aria Narayan Vikram were selected from our school to attend the programme based on selection test results.

Income Tax Quiz

The Income Tax Department organized Inter School Quiz Competition on 24 July 2018 to celebrate its 158th Income Tax Day. The quiz covered general awareness of Indian Economy and Finance, Indian Taxation System, Direct Tax, Black Money and Demonetization. The victorious team of NPS INR comprising Pranav Murthy, Shrey Bhate and Ankit Sharma were felicitated by the Principal Chief Commissioner of income tax, Karnataka and Goa on winning the First place.

HP CodeWars 2018

Hewlett Packard Enterprise hosted its annual Computer Programming Competition for high school students, HP CodeWars on 14 July 2018 at the HPE Bangalore campus. The event successfully combined a high-tech setting and a wide range of programming challenges in an exciting, stimulating, and competitive environment. Around 90 teams from over 45 schools all over Bangalore took part in this event. The students of NPS-INR once again did the school proud. After a three-hour long contest that tested the participant's coding and math skills, our team, comprising Nihal John George, Aparna Gupte and Sai Jatin of class 12, emerged victorious, taking the 1st place. Each of them won a trophy and an HP laptop.

APR Code Fest

APR Tech Club organized APR Code Fest on 18 November 2018 to give an opportunity to the students of grades 12 and below to showcase their coding talent. The contestants were required to develop a solution for Traffic, Education or Sustainability. The team comprising Anirudh S, Harshith S, Abhinav C and Aaryan G of grade 10 designed an app for Education called 'ScienceAR' using Augmented Reality technology. The app enables a clearer understanding of science concepts by projecting 3D models over the 2D diagrams in science textbooks. Our school team won the first place.

World Water Summit 2018

Ashvin Raghavan, Param Nayar and Akshara Joshipura from Grade 9 participated in the World Water Summit 2018, held from 21-23 August 2018, New Delhi. They did our school proud by winning the 'Best Paper' Award for their poster presentation that discussed how Rainwater Harvesting methods can be made more effective.

Prasiddhi Quiztime

Prasiddhi Quiztime 2018 was held on the 6 July 2018, at Prasiddhi School. Out of 120 teams from 31 schools across Bangalore, 8 teams battled it out in a thrilling final. Dhyan Vyas and Vishnu Sampath kumar of Class 9 bagged first place in the quiz, winning a Rolling Trophy and Individual Trophies for themselves.

Limit Infinity

Sishu Griha in collaboration with Infosys and The Infosys Science Foundation presented the Seventh Edition of Limit Infinity, an Inter-School festival. The team comprising Anand Balivada and Anirudh S of Class 10 won the First place in the Quiz event, Bazinga.

We are extremely happy to inform you that we have achieved 100% results in the All India Secondary School Examination (Class 10) and All India Senior School Certificate Examination (Class 12).

SUMMER VACATIONS AND DATES OF RE-OPENING

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

Classes	Day and Date of Reopening
KG I	Friday, 14 June 2019
KG II	Wednesday, 19 June 2019
Montessori(Beginners)	Friday, 7 June 2019
Montessori(Juniors, Seniors)	Wednesday, 19 June 2019
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 in 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 will be 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 Friday, 15 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 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