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# A MONTHLY NEWSPAPER FOR THE STUDENTS AND BY THE STUDENTS

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### DEEPOTSAV

The much-awaited event of the year, DEEPOTSAV was celebrated on the 1st and 2nd of November 2023. On these days, the school premises was beautifully transformed into a festive arena, adomed with hanging lights and colourful canopies setting a perfect backdrop for the celebration. The air was filled with excitement as students, parents and staff arrived, dressed in vibrant ethnic wear adding to the cultural richness of the event. As part of the traditional Indian greeting, Chandan dipped mudra was gently applied on the forehead of the students and parents. The festivities kicked off with captivating dance performances by the students. The food stalls and game stalls were some of the highlights of Deepotsav. Students enthusiastically participated in all the games and were very happy to get the soft toys as gifts. Students and parents devoured the delicious dishes which included momos, gobi manchurian, pav bhaji, cotton candy, and hakka noodles.



A special cultural show was organised, featuring the talents of our pre-primary teachers to the beats of traditional dance and music. A lively performance from the rock band enhanced the festive spirit. The event reached its climax with a mesmerizing fireworks display, lighting up the night sky and leaving everyone in awe. The best-dressed boy, girl, and parents in ethnic wear were showered with gifts by NHPS, making it an integral part of the Deepavali experience.









"School is our second home and teachers are our second mothers." Teachers' day was celebrated at NHPS on the 5th of September with great joy and enthusiasm. It started off with delightful dance

# TEACHERS' DAY



Later in the day, friendly basketball and volleyball matches were conducted where students played with their teachers and had fun. Various other activities like treasure hunt and antakshari were conducted too. The teachers participated in these with a lot of enthusiasm. This day was cherished by every student and teacher. This was truly a memorable occasion.

















# LONG - SERVICE AWARDS



In a world where change is constant and opportunities are abundant, it is a rare and extraordinary commitment to see an individual choose to stay with a single organization for such a significant period.

New Horizon Public School celebrates a remarkable milestone, a testament to the dedication, commitment, and unwavering loyalty of the long-service awardees, Ms. Vinutha Sutrave, Ms. Rachana Joshi, Ms. Pratibha Singh, Ms. Paromita Mukherjee, Ms Shylaja Philip, Ms Manisha D Parate and Mr Mohan N. They have given selflessly their time, their expertise, and their passion to ensure the success of the entire team.

Their journeys are not just about years of service; but they are also about the countless moments of dedication, the hurdles they have overcome, the goals they have achieved, and the collective success they have contributed to this organization.

# FOSTERING A LOVE FOR FITNESS WITH OUR PRE-PRIMARY SPORTS DAY MEET 2023

In the bustling world of early childhood education, one event that stands out as a beacon of fun and excitement is the Pre-Primary Sports Day celebration that took place on 7th October, 2023 at our school. This annual event, eagerly anticipated by both the young children and their families, played a vital role in instilling love for physical fitness and sportsmanship in our little munchkins.



The Pre-Primary Sports Day celebration was based on the theme 'Ramaleela', which is a depiction of the heroic war between Sri Ram and Ravana. The central theme was the victory of good over evil. This was packed with a wide array of novelty races for children, which proceeded as a day filled with hours of laughter, camaraderie, and a sense of accomplishment. Here's a closer look at this special day. It was a beautiful sight to witness as our little champions entertained the audience with a wonderful promenade of March past, display of drill and a spectacular Inter-School Relay followed by many more events on a Saturday morning. The winners who made it to the victory stand, felt proud and elated on being awarded by our chief guest Ms. Mahima Agarwal, along with our honourable Chairman Sir, our esteemed Principal and our dear Headmistress. The program also witnessed the much-awaited parents' race that brought in resonating cheers from the audience. We, at NHPS, concluded this event which was far beyond the joy of a single day and by fostering a love for fitness from a young age; setting our children on a path towards healthier, happier, and more fulfilling lives.

# **NAVARATRI DANDIYA CELEBRATION**



The corridors of NHPS reverberated with festive fervour when the students and teachers of Primary and Pre-Primary divisions came together to celebrate Dussehra. This was a delightful and culturally enriching way of introducing our children to the vibrant and colourful world of Indian dance and culture. Dressed in ethnic attire, they danced in glee on the beats of Dandiya or Garba, the folk dance of Gujarat. The celebration not only highlighted the importance of embracing one's cultural roots, but also offered an opportunity for the educators and learners to experience immense warmth, uninhibited camaraderie and boundless affection!

# STORY TELLING COMPETITION



The Pre-Primary department organized a storytelling competition for the students as a fantastic way to foster creativity, boost language development, and encourage children to passionately express themselves. The students captivated the audience by using ingeniously creative props, outburst of actions with voice skills and amazing expressions. This competition was not just about winning; it was also about nurturing a love for storytelling and language skills. The oratory skills of our tiny tots have become a cherished memory and an event of outstanding performance.

# THE FOUR IMPERFECTIONS OF A HUMAN

Can you show me God? - A conventional question asked by many daily. What is the answer? Can we see God or show God to others?

God is not our order carrier to come in front of us whenever we desire. "Seeing is believing" is a very famous dictum of people arguing about God's existence, but it has its own limitations.

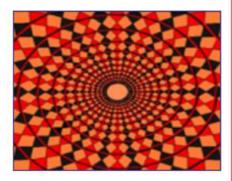
For example:

- Is the sun just a plate of half-a-meter diameter as we see it with our eyes? (Do we have perfect vision?)
- A stick appears broken when we insert half of it into water (Refraction)
- 3. Why do our faces look ghostly in a concave mirror? (Is seeing believing?)

The knowledge we gain through direct perception is limited and not reliable. The very fact that the theories in science are changed, updated and modified constantly is a solid proof that the pursuit of our scientific research is leading us to higher and higher imperfect relative truths. If the scientific knowledge gained by human beings is perfect, why is the need being felt to revisit the scientific laws and theorems? The scientists have also realized that there could be errors, that is, "Seeing is believing" has its limitations, connecting to our argument given above.

God or the Absolute Truth, however, is fixed. It never changes. We cannot understand the Absolute Truth through our blunt material senses because of four defects or imperfections that we have - Imperfect senses, Tendency to be illusioned, Tendency to commit mistakes and Tendency to cheat.

# Imperfect senses



Watch this spiral carefully ...... But there is no spiral! These are all concentric circles ...... Our senses have a very limited range of perception. Our eyes can neither see distant objects nor the objects very close to them. Our own eyelids; we cannot see beyond the wall. How can we be proud of the eyes made of flesh, blood and water, and expect to see the truths beyond matter, when we cannot even see this world properly?

Our ears have a range of 20 Hz to 20 kHz. If we blow a dog's whistle, we ourselves cannot hear it, although all the street dogs will be able to hear it and will come running.

Similarly, each one of our senses has inherent limitations. Let us read about the remaining three imperfections of human beings in the next article.

# **HELPING HANDS**

"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day." - Sally Koch

One sunny and hot afternoon in September, I was busy preparing lunch. There was no power for the past 2 hours and I had to rush to school to pick up my daughter from school. I heard the voice of an old paper /scrap hawker from the balcony "Paper, paper".

For the last two months, a bundle of old newspapers have not been scrapped. I called him to pick up the old newspaper bundles. For the past seven years, the same hawker has been coming to our house to gather old items.

He began weighing the bundle of newspapers that I gave him. "Madam, it weighs two kilograms," he said, pulling a twenty rupee note out of his pocket. "You can keep it," I said. Since it was so hot and sunny outside, I offered him a glass of water. I picked up the empty glass and proceeded to rearrange the items in the living room (missed shutting the main door). When I saw that he was still standing at the doorstep a few seconds later, I remarked, "You can go; I have no other scrap to give." "Madam, please close the door. It's dark inside the house because there is no power and it's not safe, so please close the door first," he retorted.



Hearing this made me realize that even seemingly insignificant ways to assist others can have a big impact on someone's life.

A scrap/old item hawker rides in narrow lanes all day, rainy or sunny, in the hopes of making enough money to buy food for himself. Instead of taking twenty to fifty bucks from them for scrap, let's be generous and help them with that money for everyday necessities. "You can have

everything you want in life if you just help enough people get what they want."

Parent of Disha Baid, UKG E

# **HOLY TRIP TO SHIRDI**

Last month, for the first time we visited Shirdi with my maternal family. This began with a slightly long train journey, which was enjoyable as I was accompanied with my cousins. We started from Bangalore at 4.45 pm on Sunday from Yeswanthpur Railway station. Our group consisted of 16 people, but all of us were in different compartments due to our last-minute booking, but until sleep-time, we all sat together for chitchat. My Uncle is a very big foodie, so he bought all the snacks and food for the whole journey. We started with Bhelpuri followed by dinner of Idly with two different yummy chutneys, which were made by my mom.



Late at night, we came to know that there was some signal issue, so our train would not reach the destination and it was stopped 160 kms before. We reached Daund junction at 6:30 am and ate our breakfast (poori with tomato gravy, which was done by our beloved grandmother) at the station and booked cabs from Daund to Shirdi. On the way, we saw different kinds of mountains and agricultural fields. We stopped at two or three places for a short break, stretching in the cab.

In a tea shop, we came to know that there is only buffalo milk available in and around places of Shirdi. It was a new experience to have tea and Boost in buffalo milk.

We reached around 1 p.m. at Shirdi. The rooms were luxurious and they had a fabulous view. We all were ready for the Darshan and distributed some Prasadam (packets of biscuits, chikkis, chocolates, bananas, guavas and some crystal sugar) by saying 'OM SAI RAM' to the devotees around the temple before entering. Since it was holiday time, there were a lot people present and we were in the queue for a long time. Our grandparents went into the Senior Citizen queue, and miraculously landed at Arati time near 'Sai Baba'. That was a great blessing. The biggest surprise was that my brother's birthday was on the same day, so we happily celebrated in the honour of that occasion. After finishing the visit inside the temple, we came out at around 9:00 pm. We visited the museum, samadhis of other deities, a Ganesha temple, a Shani Dev temple, a Shiva temple, Dwarakamai and the house of Lord Sai Baba (Baba's Chavadi), which were located in the temple. After visiting all these places, we went shopping beside the temple. We all came around 1:00 am, which was already early morning.

The following day was a Tuesday. The Ellora and the Ajanta caves were closed. We could not go to Nashik too because it takes 5 hours to reach there from Shirdi. Hence, we vacated the room and went to a temple lodge named Sai Ashram Bhakti Niwas. We had planned to visit Shani Dev temple in Shani Shingnapur. It was approximately two hours from the lodge. Many devotees bought oil and did Abisheka to the Shani Dev. The idol is a 11-meter rock, the rock which didn't get oily after pouring liters of oil on the rock. My grandmother bought me a holy bracelet. We packed our luggage to return to Bangalore. When the train started, all of us were tired and slept.

Next day was a fun day in the train. My cousins and I played on the seats like emperors and we played Uno, sang songs, and my father surprisingly ordered lunch online. After eating, we made reels and played word building games. We slept around 8:00 pm in the night and reached Yeswanthpur railway station at 3.00 am. Everyone was upset while bidding goodbye and reached home safely. "Om Sai Ram."

# YOUNG ACHIEVERS



Dhaanvi Dechamma of Grade 3A participated in the All India Ranking event by Jain International Residential School, Kanakapura named AITA Championship Series Tennis Tournament 2023. She has reached the quarterfinals in the Under-12 doubles event and entered the Main Draw in the Under

Congratulations to Dhaanvi and best wishes for all her future endeavours!



Mohar Ghosh of grade 6D participated and secured 4th position in the Chess Tournament organized by Lions Club of Bangalore along with BUDCA & KSCA on 17th September. She received a trophy and a certificate.





Neil Shetty of grade 3D participated in the WSM Blue Clubs Football League named "Snipers FC". His team won the WSM League Cup in the Under - 9 age group Category. Congratulations to Neil!



We are proud to share that Ms. Radha Rajesh, HOD Biology department, has been awarded the Educator of Excellence Award by Amigos Fuelurfuture, for her dedication, passion and commitment. She has been honoured with a certificate and a trophy.

Congratulations to Ms. Radha on this achievement and we wish her best of luck for all her future endeavours!



Yaduveer Sathyan of 2D and Sreekeshav Sathyan of 2C participated in the BFLA Junior Super League Champions Trophy, Football Tournament, U7 category. Their team VPS secured Third position (Bronze) in this tournament.

Sreekeshav Sathyan of 2C was also awarded the "Best Player of the Tournament". Congratulations to Yaduveer Sathyan and Sreekeshav Sathyan!

# STUDENTS' CREATIVE CORNER





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Dhanvitha T R. 4B



Suiitha, 2E





Hammaad Igbal, 3B



# CISCE NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP - 2023



Preiyana Bopaiah of class 10B has been selected to represent CISCE board in the 67th National School Tamil Nadu in December.



We are very happy to announce that the Karnataka U17 girls team won the championship trophy in the CISCE Volleyball National tournament held at St Jude's Public School, Kotagiri, Ooty, Tamil Nadu on 3rd and 4th of October, 2023. The team had 5 NHPS Volleyball players and Mr. Suresh, Games (SGFI) to be held at HOD, Sports Department from our school was the team coach and manager.



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