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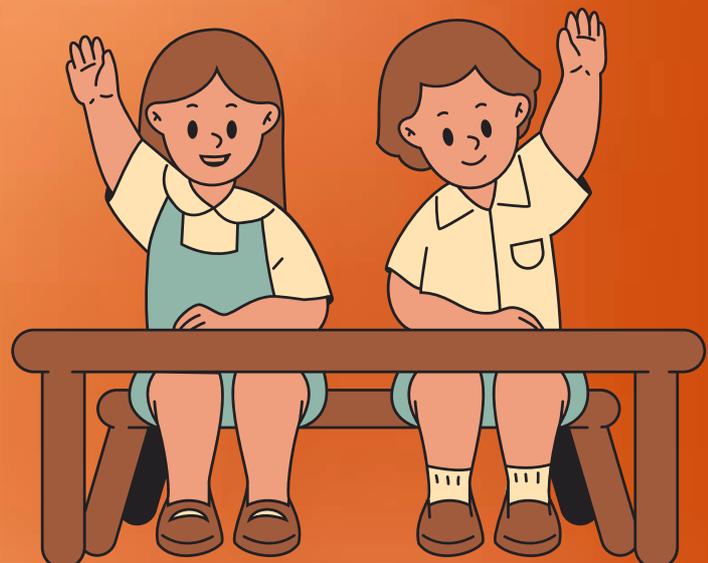
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MUSINGS FROM THE EDITOR

All over the body of the sky, run miniscule capillaries of grey and gold, merging together to become little pinpoints of sunlight on a cloudy morning. Between glowing June and browning August, lies a greying July. Soft and cool with a stormy side, she is laden with a plethora of memorable events. From a day that commemorates the invaluable work of healthcare workers, to the initiation of several exciting events, July is a special month to the students of NPS HSR.

The month of rain is an inspiration: a muse for art. Her understated beauty has fueled our creativity, leading to a diverse showcase of talent in this edition of the School Newsletter.

Working on the Newsletter was a wonderful experience. We got to hone our creativity, the art of time management and efficiency. It strengthened the friendships between us, and we experienced the beauty and meaning of art, when it is created by multiple hands.

This, dear reader, is the result of not only our work, but the skill and collaboration of every student in our grade as well. We proudly present to you- Jubilant July, a bird's eye view on everything about this magnificent month.

Cheers!



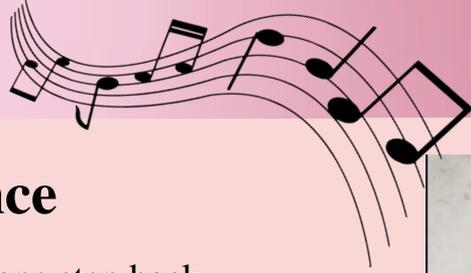
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Music, the soundtrack to our lives



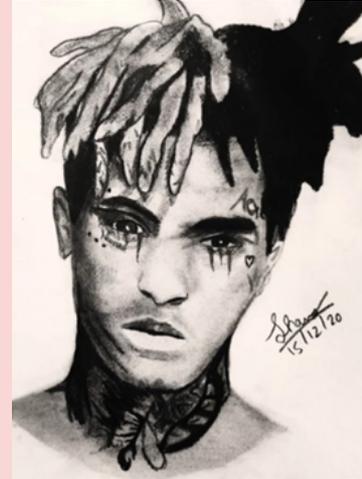
A Little Dance

Two steps forward, one step back,
A little music leaves us in a magical trance.
That's all it really takes to dance,
Heavy passion with lighthearted steps,
Lots of laughs and secrets kept,
Subtle symphonies trap you in blissful
webs.
Enchanting highs and captivating depths,
The path of worries and stress,
A little dance is sure to intercept.

Gaurav Reddy, 10C



Srijita Datta Roy, 10C



G. Shakthi Vaibhav, 10A

An Angel in Disguise

At times I felt as though I was forgetting myself,
My life wasn't alphabetically organized like the books on a shelf.
Detached I was, from the rest of the world,
Because nobody really understood me, including myself sometimes...

So you see, I'd rather plough through a lone furrow,
Or you know, spend some time and get to know me more,
However I loathed myself for the things I'd said and done
But alas, the bullet had already left its gun...

As I continued to have the blues,
Constantly being enfeebled by others' views,
An angel in disguise came to greet me,
And made me perceive what an imbecile I'd truly been...

Real ecstasy is being surrounded by the right people to support you,
Nevertheless, having faith in oneself,
Once I heard these wise words, I was ready to restart
And so, I was finally able to pick up the broken pieces of my heart...

Sanika Agarwal 10C



Some people walk in the rain,
others just get wet.

Rainy Reflections

My brain
Flooded by monsoon rain
I know not
Whether it cries,
In joy or vain.

I ponder on
As rain on the roof,
Sends me from reverie
Into calm eternity.

Pradhyumnan Ramasubramaniyan, 10B



Grey Skies, Grey Souls

Black skies, black clouds, black walls, one black heart
White mist, white cheeks, white palms, white tears.
Raindrops fall while you lie on the floor, hoping just to
disappear.

Not feeling a thing, no happiness, anger or pain.
Not cold, not warm, just done and tired.
Exhausted by everything as you stare up at the rain.
Those beautiful crystals, to the floor being fired,
As heavy and hard as your chest feels,
When you are scared of loss,
You don't know if you'll heal,
Now that you have lost them.

Meghali Dutta, 10C



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Gold to Grey

Daytime gold fades to grey
Misty veils laced in haze
Blinding sunlight slips away,
Silvering to its darker phase.

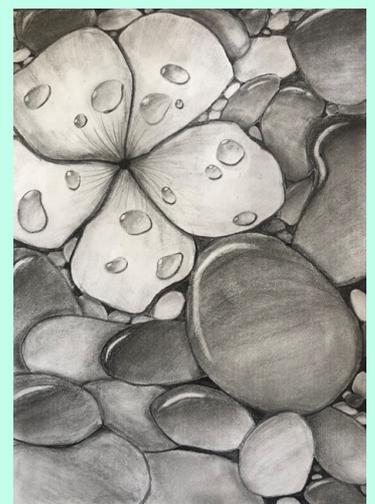
Maiden summer mellows with age
Her locks of gold turn grey and plain.
Time has marked many a page
In her book of sun that ends in rain.

Ceaseless nights, drowsy days
Starry shingles sound their wails
Dampened light from hidden rays,
Preludes the fall of crystal hails.

Steaming tea, dream away
Of cherished people, golden days
The wine of love will always stay
Bittersweet, with a quiet blaze.

Daytime gold fades to grey
Misty veils laced in haze
Blinding sunlight slips away,
Silvering to its darker phase.

Srijita Datta Roy, 10C



Harshita Potti, 10C

WORLD NATURE CONSERVATION DAY

Observed on July 28 annually, World Nature Conservation Day acknowledges that a healthy environment is the foundation for a stable and healthy society. It includes maintaining diversity of species, genes, and ecosystems, as well as functions of the environment, such as nutrient cycling.

The history and origin of World Nature Conservation Day are unknown, but the main aim of celebrating it on 28 July is to come together and support nature, and not exploit it. Conservation of nature is the wise management and utilization of natural resources. Due to natural imbalance, we are facing several problems like global warming, various diseases, natural disasters, increased temperature, etc. Therefore, for the next generation, it is necessary to preserve nature. Conservation is similar to preservation, but while both relate to the protection of nature, they strive to accomplish this task in different ways. Conservation seeks the sustainable use of nature by humans, for activities such as hunting, logging, or mining, while preservation means protecting nature from human use.

So, it is important to raise awareness amongst people all over the world, to understand the importance of saving, recycling and preserving resources, as well as understanding the consequences of damaging them.

“Conservation is not merely a question of morality, but a question of our own survival” - Dalai Lama

Leah Denny, 10A



Meghana Khanolkar, 10B

MANDELA DAY

I'm sure all of you have heard of Nelson Mandela, and the great things he did and what he helped his country achieve. But have you heard of Mandela Day? It is a day of remembrance, and a day to commemorate the revolutionary acts of this noble man. I hadn't heard of it either till I researched. I mean, it's obvious there has to be a day to remember him but you never really think of it. Mandela Day is celebrated annually on 18th of July, Nelson Mandela's birthday.

The Mandela Day campaign message is:

"Nelson Mandela has fought for social justice for 67 years. We're asking you to start with 67 minutes."

"We would be honoured if such a day could serve to bring people together around the world to fight poverty and promote peace, reconciliation and cultural diversity," according to a statement issued on Mandela's behalf."

I didn't google that. Anyways, as you can see, the main theme of this day is that everyone is capable of bringing about change; in their homes, communities, cities - anywhere. All it takes is initiative and will to continue. Can you imagine what the world would look like if even half the people actively tried to make changes in society? Certainly better than what it is right now.

Interesting thing I noticed about Mandela Day, is that it's not meant to be a public holiday, but a day to celebrate his life and values and honour his legacy. So all those school children mustn't be too happy.

This day is a call to action for everyone to start making changes in the world. Small or big, with enough people working towards a better future, it will add up and maybe one day we'll be in a world without any social injustice. So on 18th July, every year, remember Nelson Mandela and his fight for his country and his people, and try to let his values inspire your daily life.

Aathreya Venkatachalam, 10A



Vaishnavi Sendilraj, 10A



National Doctors' Day

National doctors' day is celebrated annually by the Indian Medical Association on the first of July. The day celebrates all the doctors and healthcare workers, who have been serving society at large. The day assumes even greater significance amid the Covid-19 pandemic, due to the sacrifices made by doctors for the common man.

History –

National doctors' day was first celebrated in 1991 to honour the contributions of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, a renowned physician, and former West Bengal chief minister. Dr. Roy was integral to the establishment of institutions like the Chittaranjan Seva Sadan and the Chittaranjan Cancer Hospital. He was given the Bharat Ratna on 4th February 1961. The British medical journals declared him to be the first medical consultant in the Indian subcontinent, and he was considered to be more successful and dedicated than his contemporaries.

It is to be noted that Dr. Roy was repeatedly refused admission at the St. Bartholomew's hospital, but he was determined and kept sending his applications. After nearly 30 applications, Dr. B.C. Roy got the admission as per the records. In just a little over two years, he became a member of the Royal College of Physicians, and was a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. His aim was to ensure affordable health care for all.

Yagya Ahuja, 10C

School Anew

7 am, rings the alarm
Time to slip into old routines
8 am, enter the gates
The building paints a familiar scene.

Watch out for the unruly ones
Zipping past the hallway bend,
Matching grins as they yell
“Race you both to the end!”

Reuniting with friends, old and new
Swapping notes and impish grins
Lazy days will be far and few
A new day, a new session begins.

Everyone waits with bated breaths,
Restless tapping fills the class,
Few minutes for the bell,
Willing time to swiftly pass.

Shruti Vinapamula, 10B

Where There is a Will, There is a Way

Here is an interesting anecdote from the life of Dr. G. Madhavan Nair, Former Chairman of ISRO:

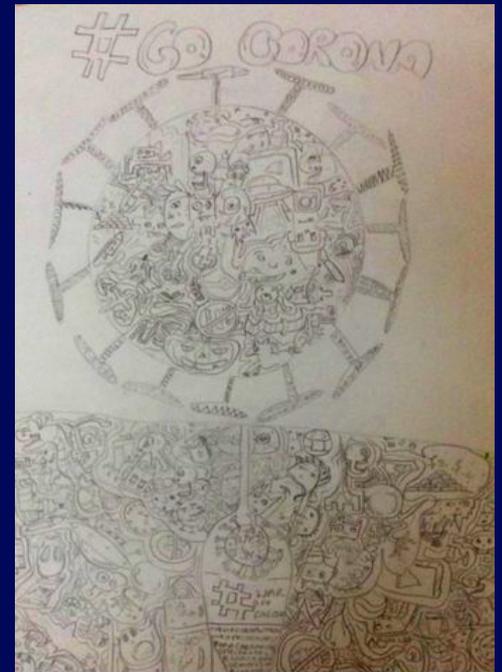
When Mr. Nair was in high school, he wished to have a radio, but could not afford one. He started his research, and found an article about radio-making from diodes and capacitors, in a magazine in his school library. However, diodes and capacitors were difficult to get at the time. He persisted, going through several magazines, and finally found the solution. He took two thin aluminium foils found in packets, and put a paper in between, rolling and cutting it to the necessary length. He connected wires to the edges, making a capacitor. Next came the challenge of making a diode. He used a kohl stone available in a local Ayurvedic medical shop, cut it into a 1cm block, and used it to create a diode. The stone turned out to be a phosphorus arsenide crystal. To build an aerial, he connected wires between two coconut trees. An old telephone headset was used for the speaker. The lack of soldering iron to connect all these parts was made up for, by melting a bit of lead over a candle. Miraculously, he managed to receive programmes from the Trivandrum Radio Station on his very first attempt. His friends and family celebrated the making of this innovative radio.

This anecdote shows us that where there is a will, there is a way. Even with all the odds against you, with determination and ability, you can successfully reach your destination.

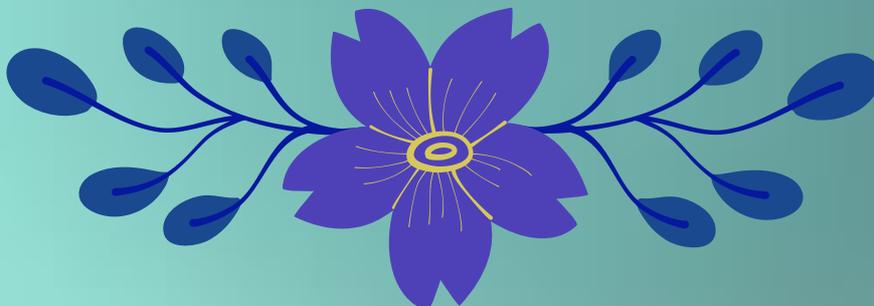
Narayan D Menon, 10B



Navya Gupta, 10A



Neel S, 10Bt



Events of the cloudburst days

- NPS HSR's biennial multi-disciplinary inter-school fest Odyssey was held on 22 July 2022. The event, conceived and organised by the students of Grade 12, was a magnum opus of creativity and talent. Odyssey, with its uniqueness, was a journey that celebrated the creative potential of the organisers and the participants alike. At the end of a closely fought contest, NPS Indiranagar walked home with the Overall Trophy.



A FEATHER IN OUR CAP

- In the Bethany Junior College Model UN Conference held on 8th and 9th July 2022, the team comprising Arjyo Dutta and Pranav Reddy M of grade 12 was declared the best delegation – Syria UNHRC. They powered their way to win the coveted position in an intense verbal duel.



UPSKILL

AFTER SCHOOL ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS
ENHANCEMENT COURSE



**ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ENHANCEMENT**

UP SKILL

- > **VENUE-CLASS 10 C**
- > **DAY, GRADE & TIME**
- > **WEDNESDAY- GR 6-7-
3:00-3:40 pm**
- > **THURSDAY-GR 8,9 & 10-
3:00-3:40 pm**

National Public School HSR is elated to usher in yet another exciting and innovative after school initiative, UPSKILL- for the students of Grades 6 to 10. This English enhancement programme proposes to assist students in refining their language skills. The sessions will include interesting modules on all four language skills along with activities to perfect pronunciation, spelling, vocabulary and public speaking skills.

VIHAAN



Vihaan, as the name suggests, is a new pastoral initiative by NPS HSR for the support staff of the school. The pilot project was launched on 2 July '22 with an objective to improve the physical and mental well-being of the support staff. The year-long program, which is scheduled for the second and fourth Saturday of every month, seeks to empower the support staff through sessions on financial literacy, health and fitness, sports and culture.

STUPENDOUS SUCCESS

Students of Grade 12 and Grade 10 of NPS HSR blazed a trail with their stupendous performance in AISSCE and AISSE exams respectively. The results are an outcome of the concerted effort of students, teachers and parents. Despite the odds imposed by the pandemic, the students left no stone unturned to achieve their fullest potential, and they were ably guided in their endeavour by their teachers and parents. The school wishes to congratulate the students, teachers and parents for the extraordinary board results.

NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL, HSR, BENGALURU		
AISSE – GRADE 10 – 2021-22 RESULTS		
SCHOOL TOPPERS		
STUTI ALMAL		498/500 99.6%
SUHANA BANERJEE		497/500 99.4 %
ISABEL MARIA MATHEW		496/500 99.2%

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AISSE GRADE XII RESULTS 2021-2022		
SCIENCE TOPPERS		
ADVIK SINHA		495 500 99 %
AKSHAY RAVIKUMAR		
KAVYA BHAT		
ROHAN AANEGOLA		
SANCHIT GARG		
COMMERCE TOPPER		
SAMARTH SHRIMAL		494 500 98.8 %
HUMANITIES TOPPER		
RYSHA SULTANIA		493 500 98.6 %

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The commencement of inter-house events.
- Our flagship Resonating Rhetorics continues.

