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# **MAGNIFICENT BHARAT - GYAN MELA 2023**



On December 21st and 22nd, 2023, our school was transformed into a vibrant hub of learning and excitement for the Gyan Mela. Parents and students alike were immersed in a myriad of activities spanning various subjects. Chemistry experiments dazzled attendees with the formation of acid rain and silica gardens, while Physics demonstrations left them in awe. In the Biology section, intricate workings of the human body were explained and the History room transported visitors to the Gupta Age through vivid paintings and sculptures. The Math section revealed the fascinating connections between ancient mathematics, architecture and music. The Commerce section traced the evolution of our country's economy with detailed models, and the Geography section presented a 3-D topographical map of India. In the Life Skills department the students re-created a traditional Indian household called 'Purvajara Mane' which took the spectators on a nostalgic journey. The event also featured school band performances, food stalls and an art exhibition. The auditorium was filled with tunes of ballads, kavitas, poems and the powerful voices of the characters in the various skits and declamations. This unforgettable experience truly embodied its name 'Gyan Mela', providing a platform for students to showcase their skills, instilling knowledge and memories to be cherished.

















# NEW HORIZON WITH A TWIST - A SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY REDISCOVERING THE MAGIC OF SCHOOL DAYS



As the sun rose behind the familiar outline of our school building, laughter and chatter of the parents filled the air. This was an occasion of a fun-filled and heartwarming school event aptly titled, "Experience New Horizon with a

Twist". It was a day that transcended generations, inviting parents to relive the cherished memories of their own school days. The event kicked off with the school assembly followed by parents navigating into different sessions of the program learning rhymes, art and craft, story, PT, value education, dance and singing, taking time to relish the memories that school days bring forth. Parents eagerly gathered around the photo booth capturing memories and revisiting stories. The cafeteria-style setting for snacks and drinks brought back memories of school lunches where the simple joy of sharing a meal was a cherished part of the school experience. As the event drew to a close, a short but heartfelt closing ceremony thanked parents for their active participation. Small tokens of appreciation were distributed, and certificates were given to acknowledge the valuable contributions of those who had actively participated. A feedback session invited attendees to share their thoughts, ensuring that future events could be even more tailored to the desires and expectations of the school community. In the end, "NH Twist" wasn't just an event, it was a celebration of the shared experiences, enduring bonds, and timeless memories that define the spirit of NHPS.

# **ANNUAL SPORTS MEET 2023 - 2024**





The Annual Sports Meet was organised on January 6, 2024, by the New Horizon Public School. The Invocation Song by the school choir preceded the Welcome Address. The Ceremonial parade was inspected by the Chief Guest, Mr. Srinivas Gowda and our Principal, Mrs. Anupama Sethi, after hoisting the School Flag. The Sports Captains and students with outstanding achievements took part in the Ceremonial torch relay. Students who won accolades at the National level and State level were felicitated by the Principal and the Chief Guest. The spectators were enthralled by the Dance Display and the energetic performance by the Self-Defence team. Students participated in the Athletic Events, which included Inter-House Relay and Individual races, Shot Put, and Long Jump in various categories. The event concluded with the distribution of medals and certificates for the Best Sportsperson and the Vote of Thanks. The Jal House won the Best Contingent Trophy and the overall Championship Trophy.

#### **IMAGINE**

The year 1757 changed everything, Former alliances beginning to rethink, The new judiciary in a roar of laughter, Left the defence in a constant fear of slaughter, To be as free as a mind filled with imagination, Desiring a world free of intimidation.

Decades turned a century,
Our land permeated with treachery.
Brave martyrs put their life on the line,
Yet their life was very different from yours or mine.
To be as free as a mind filled with imagination,
Desiring a world free of intimidation.

Hearts, actions, spirits reduced to none,
Within minutes culture and heritage undone,
The roots of our foundation slowly growing back,
Unity being the only thing we lack,

To be as free as a mind filled with imagination, Desiring a world free of intimidation.

To those who listened to the spark in them,
To those who freed our gem,
To those who stood for what is true,
Our heads bow to you,

Finally, as free as a mind filled with imagination, Unity is the common language of our nation.

# Vibha Gunuganti, IX B

# **MY SCHOOL**

All my friends, So sweet and caring. All my teachers, Who help me in every step of my way!

All my classmates, So helpful and kind, They know musical notes, They have a creative mind!

To sum it all up, From friends to teachers, Coordinators to the Chairman, I love my School!

-Harini Sriram, 7 'B'

# **MOM AND ME**



In the heart of NHPS Pre-primary calendar, there came a day that sparkled joy, laughter and the warmth of maternal love - the "Mom and Me" celebration. This special occasion stood as a testament to the unique bond between children and their mothers. It was a day that went beyond traditional festivities, focusing on strengthening the emotional connection between mothers and their little ones. The Mom and Me celebration began with an array of activities that allowed young minds to express their love in a tangible way. Children engaged in Charan Sparsh of their mothers' feet as a gesture of respect, humility and also in seeking their blessings. Moms also embraced the timeless tradition of saree draping competition by showcasing their unique style. Number game was another highlight of the event. Through shared activities, heartfelt conversations, and moments of joy, mothers and their little ones created lasting connections that extended beyond the walls of the school.

# A SLEEPLESS NIGHT

Is it the bright, peeping light? Or the plight of a mosquito's bite? Oh, the dog, barking in the gully! Nah, the hungry belly.

The restless brain, the sound of the rain, Or maybe the water, that goes down the drain. The gossiping group, strolling down the lane, The noise drives one crazy, and insane!

On a dark night, some have nightmares, That too full of enormous scares! Some dream, but the others can't sleep a wink, Mostly because they have loads to think. Some say, they find it hard to sleep, As they're stumped with worries, all in a heap.

I wrote this poem, though I'm not an insomniac, Who can sleep even after eating a snack! Mind you, there's absolutely no joke to crack, Those poor ones can't sleep post hitting the sack.

Harshitha. S VII C,

# LORD RAMA'S FIVE CENTURIES OF EXILE ENDS

January 22nd is a much awaited day for most of the Indian populace. In the presence of our Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi, a grand temple at the birth site of Lord Rama in Ayodhya will see the light of the day, after a long, long wait. Ayodhya holds great spiritual, historical and cultural relevance for the people of India.

Lord Rama was the seventh incarnation in the Dashavatara. He was the symbol of a virtuous life - an ideal king, a respectful son and a loving husband. By treading the path of righteousness, he showed to the entire humanity the values that should guide a human being in his journey of life.



A grand temple which stood earlier, was destroyed in the year 1528 by foreign invaders. All thanks to reformers like Guru Nanak and others through the history, who nurtured the dream of restoring it. Devotees perceived it as a longer Vanavasa (exile) for Lord Rama.



In a historic verdict passed on the 9th of November 2019, The Supreme Court of India allowed for a temple to be constructed on the disputed land, citing the archaeological proofs provided. The foundation stone for a magnificent temple in the birth place of Lord Rama was laid, following this momentous judgement. Today, the administration has given a huge makeover to the town with an international airport, world class railway facilities, along with other developmental work, to help the devotees visiting the holy Dham.

To emulate the celebratory mood of the subjects of Ayodhya in welcoming their beloved Shri Rama after his 14 years of exile, our honourable PM has called upon everyone to celebrate this significant day in a similar spirit, by lighting Diyas (lamps) in their homes, which should be reminiscent of Deepavali.



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## THE FIRST SAPLING

Once there lived a wise minister named Nanaya Bhati. He had a beautiful garden with trees bearing lovely fruits. One day, a cunning merchant named Udanaka saw the garden and hatched a devious plan. He decided to cut down all the fruit-bearing trees and make Nanaya Bhati angry. Udanaka thought that Nanaya would complain to the king, and when called to the court, he would lie and say that Nanaya himself had cut the trees. Then Nanaya would face the king's wrath.

Udanaka planned to start cutting the trees secretly at night. However, Nanaya noticed him and sensed that something was wrong. So, that night, Nanaya pretended to be asleep. As Udanaka began cutting the withered trees, Nanaya came out of his house. Seeing Udanaka struggling, Nanaya exclaimed loudly, "Oh foolish Udanaka, you have saved me the trouble of cutting these withered trees. But beware, these are magical trees that will grow back as soon as you cut them, except for one - the First Sapling. Lord Indra gave me these trees for my good deeds, and he warned me that whoever cuts them must find the First Sapling without cutting any other trees."

Udanaka's plan failed miserably, and he was terrified upon hearing Nanaya's words. He ran away in fright, and Nanaya's garden remained safe, thanks to his wit and intelligence. The First Sapling remained protected, and the magical trees continued to thrive in Nanaya Bhati's Garden.

### **KRISHNA IN AN AUTO**

Sita's mother walked rapidly out of the hospital. The bright sun rays welcomed her on the green lawn outside. Almost a month and yet the doctors failed to offer any hope. They vividly recalled the blaring ambulance shifting her father in a breathless state. Even after numerous tests and medicines, he was still imprisoned in the ICU. Many relatives and people visited their house and all left with a crying face.

Sita prayed for him each morning before going to school. She wistfully remembered the games played by her father and the short picnics they enjoyed. He had narrated magnificent stories while the world worried during the pandemic. The classes resumed after two years of lockdown. Although she loved to play with her friends during the day, she could smell the hand of her dad caressing her hair during sleep time.

The sun shone stronger and the time elapsed quickly. Her mother knew that Sita would be waiting in the school quadrangle. The bells of dispersal rang exactly at 2 p.m. The children ran out in glee from the classrooms and played on the grounds like a cloud of butterflies.

Two buses sped by without stopping. The mother looked around fidgeting with her phone. It seemed the app-autos had simply disappeared from the roads. The hospital was six kilometres away from Sita's school. Her tired feet started walking on the rough pavement while her mind was numb.

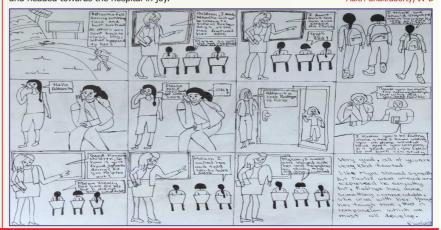
A rickety auto blowing fumes of smoke startled her. Alas! It was not empty. A small boy was returning from school in it. It moved forward and then suddenly halted. The little one had noticed the weary lady walking alone in the empty street. The driver waited patiently till Sita's mother reached near the auto. He was an elderly, bearded gentleman with silver hair and enquired where the lady wanted to go. The mother looked at the two and mumbled the name of the school. Immediately, the little child welcomed her inside. She was surprised till the driver explained it was their auto and he was dropping off his grandson after school. They happily agreed to go to the new destination. Meanwhile the driver noticed a few drops of tears in her eyes. He asked whether she was alright. The words tumbled out of the mother. The driver and his grandson listened to her story in surprise. After a few moments, the small child placed a hand around the mother and told the stories of little Krishna. The elders heard in silence wishing they were true.

The auto arrived at the gates of the school and Sita ran into her mother's arms. All her friends had gone home but the kind teachers always remained with her. The four of them sat in the vehicle which promised to return them home. Suddenly, the grandfather stopped the auto in front of an ancient temple. While the others were wondering, he went to the steps, removed his shoes and walked inside, chanting the name of the Lord. The remaining three followed him, standing in silence in front of the deity.

The silence was broken by the ringing of the temple bells by the small boy. Sita and her mother knelt in front of the Lord and prayed. The cell phone rang loudly breaking the quietness. Sita rummaged inside her mother's purse and handed it over. The doctor was calling from the hospital. Anxious looks passed to and fro but the grandfather signalled her to respond.

Sita's father had just opened his eyes after a month in the ICU and was now safe. It was a day before Makar Sankranti and it seemed that Little Krishna had lifted the mountain once more. They thanked God and headed towards the hospital in joy.

Aditri Chakraborty, IV B



# YOUNG ACHIEVERS



U.Kg - Sujan Gowda. R, Lavith. V, Adrit Anshul Sharma, Idhaant Shastry, Shivanya Ranjan, Vaarunya. S, Harini Kumar, Tanvika. D

L.Kg - Kavish Singh, Yuvan Yohan Anagh Kumar, Rudhvi Vinay, Jasvi Patil Y. Mariyam Fathima, Ishani Krishna, Saanvi Sachin Shenoy



Maya Subhash of 3B participated in the International Mathematics Championship organized in association with Members of The European Mathematical Society. Maya secured a Silver Medal, a certificate and a global rank of 170 at the championship in which 2268 students participated from 20+ countries. Congratulations to Maya!



Sarvagya Jain of Grade 5C won the Intra Academy Lawn Tennis Trophy Group C (under 12 - intermediate level). Congratulations to Sarvagya Jain!



Dhaanvi Dechamma of Grade 3A represented New Horizon Public School in the 15th State Level School Olympics Athletics (sprint) Meet and won a Gold and a Bronze Medal. Congratulations to Dhaanvi and we wish her good luck in all her future endeavours!



Ananyaa Vaidhiyanaathan of Grade 5C secured First place in the South India Level Karate and Kung-fu open championship organised by Goiu-Ryu Karate Federation in Bangalore on 3rd December 2023. Congratulations to Ananyaa!



We are glad to inform you that Manasvi of Grade 8C successfully completed Goechala Trek (15100 ft). This trek was organised by 'Trek The Himalayas'. Congratulations to Manasvi on this achievement!



Aditva Bhattachariee of Grade 6D secured a distinction in the ABRSM (Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music) violin exam. He has also been selected to participate in the Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan 2023-24, State Level Camp in Karnataka, scheduled for 10th December 2023 at Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences. Congratulations to Aditya and best wishes for all his future endeavours!



Arhanh Raj Gopal of Grade 7A has secured Gold and Bronze Medals at the State level in Kumite and Kata respectively conducted by the Bangalore Inter School Championship, Karnataka. The event was held on 25th and 26th November. Congratulations to Arhanh Raj Gopal!



Purvi of Grade 5B participated in the State Level Skating Competition held at Mysuru. She secured a Gold Medal in Race (Rink-1) and a Bronze medal in Race (Rink-3). Congratulations to



Avika Bagga of Grade 3D secured Second and Third place at the state level in two forms of Karate ie. Kata and Kumite respectively. It was conducted by the Bangalore Inter School Championship (Karnataka State Karate Championship). It was hosted by the Sports Karate Association of Karnataka affiliated to the All India Karate Do-Federation. Congratulations to Avika!



Vedanth Raja of Grade 4B participated in the Inter School Shito-Ryu Karate Championship conducted by Ken Ei Mabuni Karate School of India on 25th November, 2023. He secured Third place in the Kata event and the Kumite event. He has been rewarded with certificates and medals. Congratulations to Vedanth!

# STUDENTS' CREATIVE CORNER



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