





A MONTHLY NEWSPAPER FOR THE STUDENTS AND BY THE STUDENTS

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In the history of the modern age of Bharat, 22nd January, 2024 has marked a great milestone. Bundles of joy were unfurled on this day. It was the day when the centuries long wait across generations for the Verdict was finally reached. At New Horizon Public School, we celebrated the day as Diwali by following the rituals of Pooja in the Ganesh Mandir and Prasad distribution. School campus was decorated with saffron flags and the icing on the cake was the students in colourful attires. A special assembly was conducted with bhajans and students explained the significance of the day. The ceremony of Pran Pratishta of Ram Lalla at Ayodhya was live streamed in the classes for the students and the staff to witness the divinity. It was a delight to watch the bright twinkling classrooms and corridors filled with diyas lit by the students. This was a true benchmark of Bharath's rich culture, tradition and beliefs being restored. It sets an example for the youth to know their prodigious history and stand for what is theirs. Jai Shree Ram!

REPUBLIC DAY



Republic Day celebration at NHPS commenced with the traditional flag unfurling ceremony. The National Flag, adorned with Saffron, White, and Green, was unfurled by the Principal in the presence of the entire school

followed by dance, music, and drama performances by students of different grades, which depicted the rich history and values of our nation. The day concluded with a renewed sense of patriotism and a commitment to uphold the principles enshrined in the Constitution of India.









To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan but also believe.



Graduation Day is indeed an important milestone in the lives of the students. It is the time to say goodbye to old friends and to treasure and cherish the beautiful moments you have spent with them. It is a time to look forward to dream, and to spread your wings and soar to greater heights.

The students of the graduating batch of 2023-2024 looked resplendent in their sarees and kurtas as they proudly marched towards the stage.

The Chief Guest of the day Wing Commander Dr. Manav Dutt Sharma was accompanied by Ms Sargam Maghnani, Vice Chairperson New Horizon Gurukul, Ms Anupama Sethi, Principal New Horizon Public School, Ms Ekta Batra, Headmistress Pre-primary Division and Ms Richa Bhatia, Coordinator, Secondary Division.

The students who distinguished themselves in various fields and proved their prowess and adroitness in those fields were felicitated with a citation and a gift.

Each outgoing student was presented with a memento, a token for them to remember their incredible journey in the school.

It was also a proud moment for the students and parents of the batch of 2022-23. These students displayed their tenacity and hard work by raising the bar and securing exceptional results in the ICSE Board Examinations.

The dignitaries addressed the students and encouraged them to work hard, follow their dreams and to give back to the society.

As you embark on this new, adventurous journey, be true to yourself and follow your passion and then nothing can ever stop you in your way. Never settle for what you don't want, but keep fighting for what you truly believe in.

Remember your school's motto and pursue the excellence that is within you. Do not follow where the path may lead.

Go instead, where there is no path and leave a trail.

Congratulations to the batch of 2023-24!









MOBILE LIBRARIES

Turn Your Ride into a Read: The Mobile Library Taxi Initiative

Recently, one sunny afternoon, I booked an auto-rickshaw and as soon as I stepped in, I was surprised to see a small pocketbook library in front of the seat. The books were of different regional languages and covered a variety of subjects. It was definitely a different and unique experience to encounter a small library in an auto rickshaw!



These kinds of initiatives are creative ways to share knowledge and promote reading in unexpected places. It is an innovative and engaging concept that aligns with the idea of promoting literacy and learning.

Here's a quote that might resonate with such a concept: "Knowledge shared is knowledge multiplied. Imagine a world where even the smallest ride offers a journey into a world of ideas, where every turn of a page fuels the engine of curiosity. In this mobile library of wisdom, the fare is not just a destination but a shared experience of learning."

As a part of this initiative, if we can encourage people to donate books and start such mobile libraries on rides on a large scale, it may help our society in various ways like:

- 1. Utilizing commute time
- 2. Knowledge expansion
- 3. Improved focus and concentration
- 4. Enhanced vocabulary and language skills
- 5. Cultural exposure
- 6. Reduced screen time
- 7. Cognitive stimulation

According to Dr. Seuss - "The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."

Parent of Disha Baid, UKG

TRAPPED

In the shadows deep, a silent maze, Where echoes fade in the endless haze.

There, I stand with a heavy soul, Bound by chains I can't control.

A prison built from my own despair, With walls that rise, an unending snare.

The air grows thin, suffocating me, In this place where I long to be free.

The world outside beckons with its light,

But I'm confined in this endless night,

Dreams flutter by, just out of reach, As my spirit struggles to find its speech. Oh, to break free from these bonds of fear,

To let my spirit soar, crystal-clear, But here I stay, in this cage of doubt, Yearning for a whisper to lead me out.

Yet in the dimness, a flicker of hope, A spark that tells me I still can cope, For within this darkness, I hold the key.

To unlock the door and set myself free.

Though walls may rise and shadows may fall,

I'll find the strength to tear down each wall,

For the spirit within can never be trapped,

With resilience, all barriers can be rapped.

ADVIKA THISHU, IX C

MY REVIEW OF A FAVORITE BOOK -THE ADVENTURES OF FELUDA

I love reading books and would like to share my review of one of my favourites- The Adventures of Feluda. It was written by the famous Indian author and filmmaker, Satyajit Ray in 1965. Have you heard of a Jatismar? It is someone who vividly remembers what happened in their previous life. Have you ever met someone who can talk to spirits? Also, did you ever imagine that a peaceful place like Darjeeling can hide exciting mysteries? You'll encounter many such adventures like exciting mysteries around reincarnation, haunted houses, and hidden treasures in this book.

There are 3 main characters -

- 1) Felu Mitter, also called "Feluda" the very clever detective
- 2) Tapesh Ranjan, also called "Topshe", Feluda's 14-year-old cousin
- 3) Lalmohan Babu, who is very comical but also very helpful

They reside in Kolkata but their mysteries take them to new and exciting places. Till now, I have read three of the stories - The Walking Dead, Danger in Darjeeling and The Golden Fortress.

Let me start with The Walking Dead. One morning, Feluda suddenly receives a letter from someone called Jeevanlal Mallik in a village called Gosaipur, saving he was worried that someone was planning to kill his father.

All three travel to Gosaipur where they meet some very strange people. For instance, the father, Shyamlal Mallik had been living in an age 100 years back! He rides on palanquins and uses British-era punkha pullers (which are fans operated by human beings). Then comes the eccentric Mriganka Bhattacharya who conducts seances and talks to dead people. They even find a mysterious weapon called a "thuggee," a stone wrapped in a cloth, used to gag and kidnap people. Everyone seems suspicious, and the mystery keeps getting deeper, until Feluda uses a peculiar way to unmask the culprit. It's an exciting story, but to know more you must read the book yourself.

Now the second story - Danger in Darjeeling. Feluda and Topshe have come to Darjeeling to enjoy a peaceful vacation when Topshe overhears a hushed conversation between two old men, Rajen Babu and Tinkori Babu. It seemed that Rajen Babu had been receiving threatening letters by an an anonymous source. Feluda then decides to stay in his house and protect him from any danger.

Immediately, strange things start happening. Why is Rajan babu always tensed? Why is he haunted by scary-looking masks at night? How come his son-in-law suddenly appears in Calcutta, when he is meant to be in London? Why is someone threatening him in the first place? You will be thrilled to discover how Feluda finds all of this out and uncovers the entire backstory.

Finally in the third story, The Golden Fortress, after Gosaipur and Darjeeling, our detective trio travels across the country and reaches the barren yet mesmerizing desert of Rajasthan. They go there to solve the mystery of an 8-year-old boy, Mukul who is a Jatismar. He claimed that in his previous birth, he lived near a golden fortress surrounded by sand, and he wanted to go there then. Unfortunately, he had no clue where the place was. To find this out, Dr. Hemanga Hajara, a curious parapsychologist takes the help of Feluda and they all travel to Rajasthan.

Interestingly, they're not alone! A gang of criminals tried to kidnap the boy since they felt he could lead them to a treasure in the fortress. Adding to the troubles, the boy Mukul keeps behaving weirdly, walking up to a strange man and saying he knows him. After many adventurous camel rides and train journeys in the desert, our trio finally cracks the case.

I really loved these three stories and am reading more and more of Feluda. I highly recommend all of you to read the book and do tell me how you like it!

Harini Sashikiran, V E

LITTLE ANGEL

O little angel in the night sky, You disappear in the morning.

And in the night, you come again shining bright. But some nights, you are nowhere to be seen! Where do you go, O little angel?

I so wait for you to be back,

To take me to the dreamland of the starry night. Your real name is Chandra,

O Chandra, thank you for your light.

Manasvi A. IA

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A NEWSPAPER

It was a bright Sunday morning. I was taken to a large building with seven floors and in the front, there was a huge board, on which it was written "Sujatha Newspapers". In seconds, a big muscular man carried me and about 200 of us in two boxes. Confusion reigned but one by one, each of us was going into the printing machine. When they came out, they emerged adorned with vibrant text. It was so beautiful. They had text in bold, underlined, italics and with different colours and sizes. They even got a variety of pictures. I have always wanted to have a print on me. Soon it was my turn and as the machine sounded "whirr whirr", my heart started racing. I was loaded into the machine where the most painful thing happened to me. It felt like a hundred needles were piercing me. It was about 20 minutes of extreme pain, which I faced before I came out of the machine.

Later, I was taken into a big truck, but this time there were thousands of us. The driver started the engine as the smoke came sputtering out and soon, we hit the road. There were two people in the truck, one in the front who was driving and one at the back with us who threw each of us like frisbees every time he saw a house.

After a while, a large white house appeared; this is when my life changed. The man picked me up and threw me as fast as lightning. This was my most enjoyable experience. I was spinning and rolling through the air and finally landed on the veranda of the house.

A huge person, with a beard of around 3 inches, picked me up and started examining my beautiful prints. After a while, he tossed me in a big bundle of other newspapers. It was then I discovered freedom. I could chat with other newspapers, push them, play with them and so on.

One fine day, the children transformed me into a kite, my destiny taking flight. I loved my life, but I guess what legend says is true, 'Every beginning has an end'. One day, while flying high in the sky, the thread started to break. I thought the kids would do something, but they made me go higher. Soon, I was soaring through the air when an eagle pierced me. Helplessly, I started falling to the ground. All my memories were fading in front of my eyes. I don't remember anything after that, but all I can say is "Every soul will get a rebirth."

Jayanth Ravipati, VI B

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF GITA JAYANTI

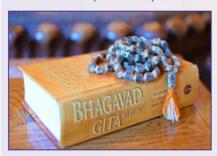
As we know, Gita Jayanti was celebrated in December '23. It is celebrated on the eleventh day (Ekadashi) of the bright half of the month of Margashira (December-January) by all Krishna devotees

It is on this auspicious day around five thousand years ago that the Supreme Lord Krishna delivered the Bhagavad Gita to His dearest devotee and friend Arjuna, and to humanity at large.

On the very first day of the 18-day Kurukshetra war, the great warrior Arjuna was distraught over the prospect of fighting against his cousins, gurus, relatives and friends. Lord Krishna expounded the truth of life and the philosophy of Karma and Dharma to Arjuna and persuaded him to engage in the upcoming battle, thereby giving birth to one of the world's greatest scriptures, the Gita.

The entire text of the Gita is written in third person, narrated by Sanjaya to King Dhritarashtra, as it transpired between Lord Krishna and Arjuna. (Sanjaya was blessed by his Guru Vyasadeva with the power to remotely view the events taking place on the battlefield).

Bhagavad Gita, which is a small portion of the epic Mahabharata, consists of 18 chapters and 700 verses. This marvellous scripture not only focuses on the decorum of war, but also on the religious practices, philosophical issues and ethical dilemmas exchanged at the time of its composition. It is as relevant to the present as it was then. It has been solving both the trivial and vital anomalies of humanity for over many millennia.



Gita is not just a book or a scripture; it is a source of power and wisdom. It inspires us when we feel disconsolate and strengthens us when we are weak and fragile. It supports the path of virtue and resists the route of unrighteousness.

Gita Jayanti is celebrated in all ISKCON temples with special offerings to Lord Krishna. Mass recital of the Bhagavad Gita is performed throughout the day. In some places like Mayapur, a Gita Yajna is performed while devotees recite verses from the Gita.



The significance of celebrating Gita Jayanti lies in recalling the teachings of Gita and applying them in our daily life. It encourages us to lead an active and virtuous life, which is also fruitful and productive. May we all be sanctified by the illuminating light of Gita! May the Gita guide and protect us all!

Values Plus Team

TRIP TO AMRITSAR - LAND OF BRAVERY AND BEAUTY

My parents had planned to take me and my brother on a historical trip to North India. I was so excited and eagerly waited for the day to come.

In the month of October during Dussehra, I visited Delhi, Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Mathura and Amritsar. Personally, I felt inspired by visiting places in Amritsar and wanted to share my experience with my school friends.

After exploring Delhi and Agra, my family and I had taken a flight from the Delhi Airport to Amritsar and landed at Sri Guru Ram Das Ji International Airport in the morning. Our hotel was very close to The Golden Temple and we took a taxi and reached our hotel. Our first tourist spot in Amritsar was Jallianwala Bagh, a historical garden. It was the place in which hundreds of unarmed Indian protestors were killed by the British gunfire. I had



goosebumps when I stood at the place, which had a board saying "The bullets were fired at the people from here" and when I saw the wall which had hundreds of bullet marks on it. There was a well into which many people had jumped to escape the gunfire. There were also a few galleries in which there were displays of the history of Punjab, the freedom fighters of India and a very interesting laser show.

From there, we took a taxi to Wagah Border to witness the ceremony that takes place at the India-Pakistan border. This ceremony as per my father, happens every evening to spread peace and co-operation between the two countries. We were seated in the gallery by 3:30 p.m. where many patriotic songs were played. The crowd sang and danced to the songs to show their patriotism towards the country. Around 4:30 p.m., the ceremony started and the soldiers from the Border Security Force (BSF) performed various acts. The border gates of both the countries were opened during the event and the countries' flags remained hoisted throughout the ceremony. It was a proud moment to see our Indian soldiers and watch the Wagah Border Ceremony.

The next day we visited the Golden Temple which was at a walkable distance from our hotel. My mother was very excited at the shopping area on the way to the temple which sold a variety of Punjabi outfits and footwear. We each bought an orange head scarf and covered our heads before entering the temple. The first sight of the Golden Temple was mesmerizing. We walked around the holy pond and joined the queue to enter the temple. It took us two hours to finish our darshan and come out of the temple. Then, we went into the Langar Hall where the food was being served to thousands of people. We enjoyed the Punjabi delicacy of roti, rice, dal and kheer, sitting among thousands of people.

We returned to our room after some shopping and packed our luggage. We had our direct flight from Amritsar to Bangalore in the evening where we left Amritsar with a great deal of memories to carry forward throughout our lives.

Adarsh Anand Kumar

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YOUNG ACHIEVERS

Baldwin Boys' High School in association with Derik's Chess School presented Baldwin Boys' Mind Masters, a prestigious Inter School level Chess Tournament. It was held on 13th January 2024 at Baldwin Boy's High School, Bengaluru. Students of NHPS participated in this competition. Please find below the results of the competition:

U 8 (open category)

Aarav Prabhu - 1B - 2nd position Divyam Lahon - 2E - 5th position U 8 - (girls category)

Aadya Naveen - 2B - 1st position Shaanvi Sahu - 2C - 2nd position U 10 category

Vedant Sujeet - 2C - 5th position Jia Ajay Kartik - 3C - 1st position U 13 category

Manasvi R - 5C - 3rd position Vaani Singal - 5C - 2nd position Samanth Naidu- 5B - 4th position Sriyaans V - 7E - 3rd position



U - 16 category Meghraj Ghosh 7E - 5th position

Congratulations to all!



Deekshith MR of Grade 7A participated in the South Indian Open Karate Championship 2023, held at Devanahalli, Bangalore on 17th December 2023. He secured a Silver trophy and a certificate in the Individual Kata brown belt category. Congratulations to Deekshith!



Siri Srinivasa of Grade 5A had been to Kedarkantha Trek and completed the trek by covering 12500 ft, 3810 metres. Congratulations to Siri and we wish her good luck in all her future endeavours!



Kaial of Grade 2E participated in the 10th Shotoshan Karate National Open Competition organised by Japan Karate Shotoshan Academy on 17th December 2023 and secured Second place in Kata and Third place in Kumite. Congratulations to Kajal and we wish her good luck in all her future endeavours!



Samanth Naidu of Grade 5B participated in the 2nd ICA Rapid Chess tournament held on 17th December at Silicon City Secondary Education, Bangalore. Samanth won 5 points out of 6 games and secured Second place in the Under 11 category. Congratulations to Samanth on this achievement!

Addanki Abhiram of Grade 6A participated in the Little Legends Premier Cup Under-12 category. The tournament was held in The Game Changers Sports Complex in Mathikere, Bangalore on 10th December 2023. Out of 10 teams that participated from Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, Addanki's team secured the winners position and he was declared the Best Goalkeeper in the under-12 category. Congratulations to Addanki!





Aarav Prabhu of Grade 1B has secured a Gold Trophy and a certificate from Kumon for solving math problems three years ahead of the school grade. Congratulations to Aarav! We are very proud of him. Wishing him lots of luck for all his future endeavours.



Dhaanvi Dechamma of Grade 3A won the Tennis 2023 Open Intra Academy Championship conducted by True Bounce Tennis Academy Whitefield on 26th November, 2023. Congratulations to Dhaanvi!



Krithik Abhinav D of Grade 1C secured a Silver Medal and a Bronze Medal in Kata and Kumite events respectively conducted by Karnataka State Karate Championship held on 25th November 2023. Congratulations to Krithik on this achievement and we wish him good luck in all his future endeavours!!



Yesha Choudhary of Grade 1C won a Silver Medal in the individual Kata and a Bronze Medal in Kumite in the 3rd Open Invitational National Level Karate Championship, 2023. Congratulations to Yesha on this achievement!



STUDENTS' CREATIVE CORNER





Niray S. 1E

Devmurali, 1D

Hitesh Gowda B. 7B

