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## NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents,

**Greetings from NSS Hill Spring International School!**

The month of November began with the Pre-Primary & Primary Sports Day at the Priyadarshani Park grounds. It was wonderful to see the attendance of many families cheering on their children.

The Senior students of Gr 9 celebrated Helpers' Day – beginning with a hearty breakfast, many interactive games followed by a delicious lunch. Each helper was given a hamper for the festive season of Diwali.

After the break, on 16 November, the Inter School French Festival was graced by Mr. & Mrs. Philippe Guillien from the French Embassy, Ms. Komala Devrajan, ex-teacher at the Alliance Française, Ms. Anjali Lokur, President IATF, Ms. Valerie Villiers Principal of the French School, Mumbai along with a few other teachers from the French School. The French guests were impressed with what we have achieved with the learning of French at the school.

18 students in 3 Junior and 3 Senior teams participated in the final contest of the WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP at Yale University (US) from 15 to 23 November, 2018. I am proud to say that they came back winning many, many gold and silver medals amongst 2300 scholars participating from 58 countries around the world.

In addition to these:

The Junior Team won the - 1st rank in the Scholar's Bowl & 2nd rank in South Asia.

The Senior Team won the - 1st rank in South Asia and 9th rank in the overall Team Championship.

Gr 2A celebrated Grandparents Day which was well attended and complimented by those in the audience. The month of November ended with Grandparents Day for Snr Kg A & Alpha highlighting the values from the various stories of the RAMAYAN which were linked to modern day living.

Wishing all of you a happy festive season and peaceful New Year.

Warm regards,  
Nalini Pinto

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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Celebrations - Junior Kg

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Grand Parents Day - Grade 2 Alpha





## World Scholar's Club Yale Tournament of Champions

### Hill Spring Makes its Presence Felt at the WSC Yale Tournament of Champions

With 2300 scholars from 58 countries at the World Scholar's Cup Yale Tournament of Champions (November 16-21, 2018) held in the historic environs of the Yale University Campus, USA, the stage was set for an epic battle. These Scholars had qualified for this tournament after doing well at the

achieve a spectacular performance at the rigorous rounds of Debates, Essay writing and Individual and group quizzes at the World Scholar's Cup.

### Some outstanding team achievements:

1st rank in the Scholar's Bowl &  
2nd rank in South Asia : **Team Anaya Sheth, Uddant Patodia and Yanik Jhaveri**  
1st rank in South Asia, 9th rank,

5th rank in the Scholar's Bowl,  
12th rank in Debate and  
12th rank in Collaborative Writing :  
**Team Ritiika Avarsekar, Aditya Gupta and Sara Adurkar**

Other achievements for juniors and seniors included gold and silver honour medals in Collaborative Writing and Debate as well as the following:

### Team Champions - Juniors:

Rank 25 : **Anaya Sheth, Uddant Patodia and Yanik Jhaveri**

Rank 94 : **Shreya Tandon, Sidhant Sharma and Raayaan Ravaasia**

### Scholar's Challenge Team - Juniors:

Rank 31 : **Shreya Tandon, Sidhant Sharma and Raayaan Ravasia**

Rank 36 : **Anaya Sheth, Uddant Patodia and Yanik Jhaveri**



four global rounds held at Kuala Lumpur, Melbourne, Durban and Barcelona and could be called first among equals. The Hill Spring Junior teams overcame looming semester examinations, the daily tests, and the WSC syllabus which should have come with a statutory advisory. The Hill Spring IB teams overcame IB deadlines, daily assessments, and university applications to

### Individual Scholar's Challenge - Juniors:

- 6 golds : **Anaya Sheth**  
(Overall Scholar's Challenge Rank 6)
- 3 gold, 2 silver medals : **Shreya Tandon**
- 3 gold, 1 silver medals : **Raayaan Ravasia**
- 2 gold, 2 silver medals : **Sidhant Sharma**
- 2 gold, 2 silver medals : **Jash Shah**
- 2 gold, 1 silver medals : **Uddant Patodia**
- 1 gold, 1 silver medal : **Malhar Bhide**
- 2 silver medals : **Yanik Jhaveri**
- 1 silver medal : **Aarush Sachdeva**

### Overall Champion Scholar - Seniors:

- Rank 23 : **Ritiika Avarsekar**
- Rank 76 : **Mitanshi Shah**

### Collaborative Team Writing - Seniors:

- Rank 14 : **Mitanshi Shah, Ananya Kalantari and Rajlakshmi Patil**
- Rank 110 : **Janhavi Bhide, Tia Mishra and Ananya Vora**

### Team Debate Champions - Seniors:

- Rank 86 : **Mitanshi Shah, Rajlakshmi Patil and Ananya Kalantari**

### Individual Debate Rank - Seniors:

- Rank 29 : **Ritiika Avarsekar**
- Rank 44 : **Mitanshi Shah**
- Rank 78 : **Aditya Gupta**

### Individual Writing Championship - Seniors:

- Rank 44 : **Mitanshi Shah**
- Rank 46 : **Ritiika Avarsekar**
- Rank 71 : **Aditya Gupta**

### Individual Scholar's Challenge - Seniors:

- 3 gold, 2 silver medals : **Janhavi Bhide**
- 3 gold, 2 silver medals : **Ananya Vora**
- 2 gold, 2 silver medals : **Ritiika Avarsekar**
- 1 gold, 2 Silver medals : **Mitanshi Shah**
- 3 silver medals : **Aditya Gupta**
- 1 silver medal : **Rajlakshmi Patil**
- 1 silver medal : **Sara Adurkar**



Additionally,

Mitanshi Shah, Ritiika Avarsekar and Rajlakshmi Patil were selected to perform at the Scholar's Show and they thrilled the audience with their mash-up of Adele's "Rolling in the Deep" and the Hindi song "Tainu Samjhawa".



**Hill Spring International School congratulates its WSC teams on a splendid performance against teams who had been steeped in WSC traditions for years.**

### All India Gojukai Interschool Karate Tournament



"Hill Spring International School is pleased to announce that Grade 12 student, **Anupriya Seksaria** has won a **Gold medal for Kata and Kumite** each, in the **All India Gojukai Interschool Karate Tournament** held on the 13th of October 2018. She has also achieved a **Gold medal in the DSO(city) Karate Tournament** held on the 20th of November and a **Silver medal in the District/State Karate Tournament** held on the 26th of November, 2018. The school is indeed proud of her impressive achievements."

### D.S.O. Taekwondo Competition



Hill Spring International School is delighted to announce that Grade 11 student, **Dhyaana Samani** has won the **gold medal in the DSO Taekwondo competition** on the 19th of October, 2018 and in the Zonal Competition on the 27th of October, 2018. She was

then selected to represent Mumbai in the State Level Competition held in Aurangabad from 29th October to 1st November 2018 in which she secured the Silver medal. She has indeed done Hill Spring International School proud!



## JBMUN, Mumbai

A delegation from Grades 9, 10 and 11 attended JBMUN 2018 from 26th – 28th October. Our delegates participated in the Historic Security Council, the Futuristic UNHRC, a historical committee that simulated the first cabinet of Napoleon 1 in 1804, the International Court of Justice, and the Press Corps. Our students used their time in

committee very well and were commended for their active participation in formal debate, lobbying, and drafting resolutions. Ten members of the HSI delegation won awards for their stellar role in committee. Kushaal Patel of Grade 11 served as a Guest Chair in the HSC.



JBMUN delegation

# SPORTS DAY

## PRE-PRIMARY & PRIMARY



The school Sports Day for Pre-primary and Primary School was held on Thursday, 1st November 2018 at Priyadarshini Grounds.

There was buzz and excitement as students and parents came in. The parents witnessed challenging pair races that were a delight to watch. The flat races edged them to cheer with enthusiasm, while the much awaited relay

between the students of grades 1 to 5, A versus Alpha were the climax of the day. The Tug Of War helped to bring about the attitudes of team spirit, cooperation and sportsmanship. Despite the sweltering heat it was heartening to see a great number of parents cheering the students to victory.



# SPORTS DAY



# FIELD DAY

## PRE - PRIMARY



Field day is organized in school every year to review the skills that the children have learnt and used during Physical Education sessions. This year ,there were 5 age-appropriate outdoor activities conducted in a non-competitive, friendly atmosphere. The children had to follow basic rules and show good sportsmanship. This also helped them to develop spatial awareness, gross motor skills, time-management skills, understanding and following safety rules.





### Grandparents Day -Grade 3

'Students of Grade III A put up a show called a Duck in the Gun on 16th October, 2018. This show was scripted and directed by Ms. Ritu Jalan. Grandparents were thoroughly impressed and enjoyed the show as they took back memories and hand-made cards created for them by their grandchildren.



# Applaud-worthy Assemblies

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## Childrens Day Celebrations



Students celebrated Children's Day with great fervour. They played fun games, danced away on peppy music, and relished yummy snacks.





## Cyberbullying Awareness

On Friday, 26th October 2018, the Grade 7 learners, as part of their **GP/CAS inquiry into 'How can social media be used to create awareness about cyberbullying?'** had an informative session conducted by Ms. Sonali Patankar, founder of the NGO Responsible Netism, that works along with the cyber cell police as well as the Ministry of Education.

Through an interactive presentation and various case studies, Ms. Sonali oriented the 7th graders about cyber awareness and wellness that focussed on responsible online behaviour.

Students were made aware of the perils of online games like Poker, Clash of Clans, PUBG etc. which involve money and befriending strangers.



Ms. Patankar also recounted several instances of cyber bullying along with its various stages i.e. fake profile, stalking, harassment, excluding, morphing, trolling and defaming. Students were informed that a cyber-predator can launch an attack within 4 minutes of analysing their victims' personality by tracking their online footsteps displayed on social media. Hence, they were asked to refrain from venting out on social media.

The learners were very attentive and participated enthusiastically in the discussions.

They asked relevant questions that showed their curiosity and thirst to explore this topic further.



## GP unit on Sports & Recreation

Grade 8 are currently doing a GP unit on Sports and Recreation, with special focus on difficulties faced by disabled sports persons.

To sensitize the learners, they were taken to the football field and made to play the game as disabled persons, once without speaking, second time without using their hands and third time on their knees.

Learners shared their frustration at not being able to play properly and also developed empathy for those players who deal with these frustrations on a permanent basis.





### Educational Excursion to Goa



#### Exploring Themes of Sustainability and Conservation across Ecosystems

The joint educational excursion to Goa (for Environmental Management, Biology and Global Perspectives) showed us a different part of Goa, one that we did not even know existed. From the stay, which was in the middle of a spice farm (that also grew coffee, betel-nut, banana and other plants), to the mangroves and the entire mangrove ecosystem (that we were introduced to by three stalwarts from the Mangrove Society of India), to the visit to the Netravali Sanctuary (where we learnt about the different plant life around, while also trekking to a waterfall and catching as well as identifying various insects in the river ecosystem), to interviewing fishermen and learning about sustainable fishing etc, to going on a night walk with a Forest Department official (in order to locate and identify nocturnal invertebrates), to

learning about and discussing citizen conservation, making compost and much more, it was an action-packed three and a half days!

It was a thoroughly planned and executed programme that was organized by Khoj-Aao! Adventures, and attended by 35 students, accompanied by the IGCSE Coordinator (Ms. Wilhelmina Athaide) the EM teacher (Ms. Tasneem Palgharwala) and the Bio teacher (Mr. Preetham D'silva).





### BMC D Ward - Grade 5

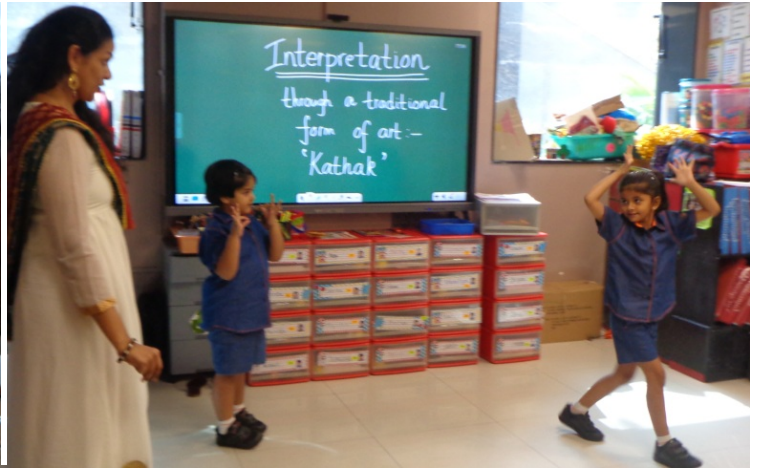
In connection to their current Unit of Inquiry, a field trip to the "BMC-D ward" The students got the opportunity to interact with the various department officials at the BMC office. A panel discussion was also arranged. The students showed great enthusiasm in their interaction. The field trip made the students aware of the hierarchy and functions of the BMC, and their responsibility towards the welfare of the citizens

### ITC Grand Central Hotel - Grade 3



Students of Grade III A and Alpha visited ITC Grand Central to learn about various ways in which this hotel reuses water. They understood the program ITC Grand Central hotel follows to save excess consumption of water. They learnt about the various ways in which we can make our planet (freshwater) sustainable.

## Snr. KG



Ms. Manasi Deshpande visited Snr KG Homeroom to have an interactive session with the students as part of their UOI-Stories. The students enjoyed watching how dance forms can also tell us stories and that everyone has their own interpretation of stories. A few

students then did a dance to tell a story to the remaining children. They came to a new understanding that stories need not always be in books

## Grade 5



**Ms. Shaina NC the treasurer of BJP's Maharashtra unit** came to visit the grade 5 students and talked to them about the state level election protocol. She explained the students about the decisions taken by the government

and its impact on the citizens of a country. She made explicit the roles and responsibilities of the party leader.

## Grade 2, Nutty Science Explorers



The Nutty Science teachers explained to the students the concept of atoms and molecules through hands-on-experiment. They conducted several experiments to show how the different states of matter change from one form to another.



## Grade 2 Rain and water conservation

Students of Grade 2 showcased an adventure filled origin myth about Bhil art revolving around a parched village that searches for water. These dynamic visuals spin a tale of their own which dwell on a simple thought that planting trees can save the earth.



## Grade 1 &amp; 2, Childrens Day Celebration



The students of Grades I and II invited the children from NSS BHAUSAHEB HIREY VIDYALAY to celebrate Children's Day. The children were treated to fun, games, light refreshments and a gift. It was an enjoyable session.

## Grade 2

**Mr. Jhaveri explained the process of casting silver jewelry.** This included the process of heating and cooling different materials.

He conducted an experiment to melt silver chunks into liquid using high temperatures which reached around 600 degrees. The students understood that extreme heat causes solids to change its form to liquid and vice versa.





IT'S THE BEST TIME OF THE YEAR!

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

&  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



*Best Wishes From*  
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