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NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents,

Greetings from NSS Hill Spring International School!

The month of October started with the Snr Kg Annual Concert "Celebrations" which was a treat for all eyes and ears.

To celebrate the festival of Dassera, the Pre-Primary students together with the little guests from the French school danced away to the pulsating and rhythmic music of this festival.

The school reverberated with festive music of the season when the Hindi Language department celebrated Dandiya Raas for our Middle and Senior School Students.

For Grandparents Day, Gr 3 A cleverly enacted the story "Duck in the Gun" which had a pertinent message of "Conflict Resolution" a much-needed strategy in present times.

The Hindi Kavita Pratiyogita revealed a high level of competition of the students of Grades 6 to 9. Each piece was well chosen and elocuted confidently by all participants.

On Saturday 27 October 2018 HSI hosted a University Fair with 30+ colleges participating from all over India. This event was attended by many local schools and senior students. October 2018 ended with many preparations for "Helpers Day" – a tribute of gratitude to all those who make life at Hill Spring comfortable, clean and safe.

Once again wishing all of you a happy and enjoyable Diwali.

Warm regards,
Nalini Pinto

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV 01

Sports Day - PYP

NOV 14

Childrens Day

NOV 23

Grand Parents Day - Grade 2 A

NOV 29-30

Global Perspectives - Senior Kg





D.S.O. Girls Football Tournament



Pre- Quarter finals Won (3-2)
N.S.S HSI v/s Sophia College



Quarter finals Won (2-0)
N.S.S HSI v/s Xavier's College



Semi finals Won (2-0)
N.S.S HSI v/s Xavier's College



Finals Lost (0-1)
N.S.S HSI v/s Cathedral & John
Cannon School



DSO Girls U-19 Football Team

1. Jaanya Doshi
2. Trisha Aggarwal
3. Liyane Irani
4. Ibreez Tyabji
5. Swagini Nakashe
6. Anupriya Seksaria
7. Saamya Jain
8. Kiara Wassoodew
9. Alisha Kelkar
10. Nandita Anand
11. Esha Jain
12. Mitanshi Shah
13. Anushka Sanghvi

14. Kriti Pachisia
15. Isha Shah
16. Shaina Zaveri
17. Sakshmi Bhansali
18. Dhyaana Samani

The U-19 Girls Football team of N.S.S Hill Spring International School stood as runners-up in the D.S.O Football tournament held at the Naigaon Police Parade grounds (Parel).

We congratulate all the students for their efforts and thank all the others who came to support the team.



DaiMUN, Mumbai

Hill Spring International School was actively represented at the recently concluded Dhirubai Ambani International MUN (DAIMUN 2018), over the weekend of 12th to 14th October 2018, by a delegation of 17 students dispersed across six key committees. The students presented resolutions on matters of international

debate with regard to pertinent issues playing out in the contemporary world of global politics. These were then taken up for further discussion and amendments by the respective committees. The delegation won much appreciation and accolades for their insights and contribution to committee proceedings. Their efforts were well rewarded and 7 students secured prestigious awards.



DAIMUN delegation



World Mental Health Day

Celebrating World Mental Health Day 2018 at Hill Spring International School

World Mental Health Day is a day that marks global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against the social stigma attached to mental health issues.

Like every year this year too, October 10th was commemorated as the World Mental Health Day.

Since this year's focus was on 'Young People and Mental Health in a Changing World' the team at the Enrichment Centre, under the guidance of School Counsellor Ms Reetu Seth took

the initiative of carrying out the campaign. With the help of students, customized folders were made for all staff members as a way to "REACH OUT" with strategies to be mentally resilient.

This opportunity also included awareness and sensitization about the Mental Health to the students and how they in their own capacity can reach out to people around them.

EXPRESSIONS

The Annual Concert 2018



Expressions: An unforgettable evening.

The IGCSE & IBDP students of NSS Hill Spring International School celebrated their annual programme, "Expressions" on 29th September'2018 at The Nehru Auditorium. The evening was filled with one extravagant performance after the other. Right from the conceptualizing to the execution of events, the students left everyone spellbound with their professionalism towards making this evening what it was; beautiful.

All three houses (Aqua, Terra and Flora) created a magnificent interpretation of this year's theme, "**Environmental Sustainability.**" The winning house, Flora, took a light hearted and witty approach on a sensitive topic of carbon

footprint and called it, "**Have you any carbon sense?**" and won hearts. "**Happily ever after**" and "**Two boxes of paint**" were the other two

musical extravaganzas that kept the audience immersed in the performances.

The judges, Mr. Siddharth Malhotra – (Renown Movie Producer & Director) and Mr. Rajan Waghmare-(Veteran TV Serial Director) had a tough time in zeroing down on the winners because each one was better than the other.

NSS Hill Spring International School has continued to encourage every form

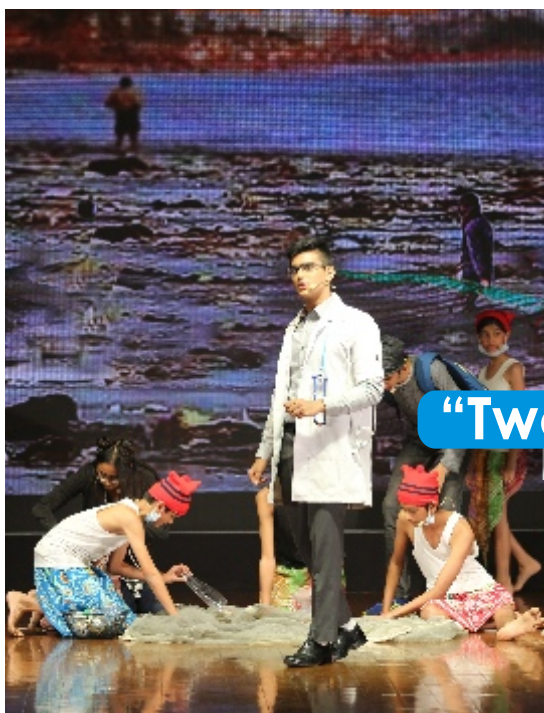
of art and music with their holistic approach. This was quite evident with the in house bands- 45 and Evolution who played some fine music while the audience sang in chorus. Another





feather in the musical cap was the beautiful performance by a 12th grade student who mesmerized everyone with her magical voice while she sang "Rolling in the deep." All in all, it was quite an expression filled evening, by the students, for the students.





“Two boxes of paint” Aqua House





“Happily Ever After !!” Terra House



SENIOR KG

Celebrations



Moving away from the western influences , Snr KG learner's made us pause, reflect and rethink 'traditions', 'cultures' and our rich heritage through their Annual Concert-Celebrations 2018-19.

The theme of this years event was 'Folktales of India' and it was performed in the 'Nautanki' and ' Bhavai' style of theatrical expression. Bhavai is the popular folk theatrical form of Rajasthan and Gujarat whereas Nautanki is an offshoot of the Swang and very popular in Haryana.

Our young learner's challenged themselves to emoting the two stories- Agar

Magar and Pavo Kavo, in their mother tongue- Hindi. The lyrical inflections of the narration were taken to another level when our 5 year old singers impeccably sang the classical ragas with perfection. The dancers honed their collaborative skills as they kept in sync with each other's movements and cues.

More than being an event show casing their dramatic skills- Snr KG learner's gave voice to formulate their own ending of the story and it was a moment of pride to see Indian ethos and lessons of value and virtue resonating in their conversations and reflections post the concert!



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SYNOPSIS



A story can be told in many ways and this year, the learners of Snr Kg explored 2 forms of Folk theatre as a medium of telling Folk Tales.



The 1st story – **AGAR MAGAR** is told as a Nautanki Performance. This form of Folk Theater is replete with songs and dances, and it is the Dancer-Narrators who take the story forward. The story is about a devious Magar (crocodile) who is outwitted by the quick thinking Lombdi (Vixen). This story served as a good provocation for the learners into reflecting upon the virtue of forgiveness.



The 2nd story- **PAVO KAVO** is presented as a Bhavaai - a form of Folk Theater from Gujarat & Rajasthan. Once again, it is the Narrators who act as a link between the audience and the story and highlight an important message -- no matter how one hides it, your true self will eventually reveal itself.





Dandiya Raas Celebration



As part of the curriculum learners of Hindi (Grade 6-12) grasped the importance of Hindi language, culture, music, food and attire with first hand experience in a lively atmosphere of Dandiya Raas organized for them at the cafeteria on 17th October 2018.

Learners enjoyed to the brim and their enthusiastic participation was awarded with nominations for the best traditional attire, dance performance.

Kudos to the winners!!!

The vigor and vim of the learners proved the evident success of the event!!!





PYP Navratri Celebrations

The Pre-primary children along with the children from the French School celebrated Navratri as part of the Community Action Service Programme at school. The cafeteria was beautifully decorated creating a rustic ambience as the children danced the traditional Raas Garba to popular folk music. Our little stars looked adorable in their festive clothing. The event was a grand success, with a lot of merriment, dancing and feasting on delicious snacks.





CAS Exhibition

CAS Exhibition for Sustainability and Conservation

Hill Spring International School's fourth Annual CAS Exhibition from October 3-5, 2018 was based on the theme 'CAS – Conservation And Sustainability' extending the School's commitment to, and practice of, the 'Reduce - Reuse and Recycle' motto for this academic year.

All students from the Pre-Primary to the IBDP sections were involved in

the creation of the articles for sale, proceeds of which go to charity. IBDP students created articles like up-cycled cardboard boxes, clipboards, paper bags and decorative envelopes; accessories like clips and bands out of

left over cloth from tailors; bags out of school uniform skirts and painted vegetable bags; and table ware like coasters, runners, table mats and cutlery holder sets.



The 3R's Motto - Academic Year 2018-19



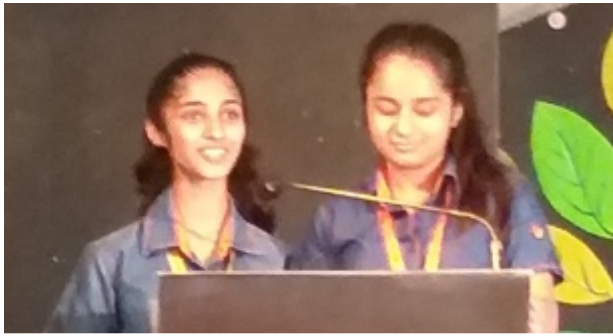


Students from the IGCSE and the PYP Sections created photo frames and necklaces made from paper roll, Lego photo frames, jute bag pouches, coasters using used CDs, animal book ends, clocks, decorated boxes, T shirt bags, planters, paper bags, paper baskets, painted cutting chai sets and papier mache bowls.

Students participated enthusiastically in the exhibition- from creating, to marketing and selling - full of conviction about its CAS ideals and its environment goals.

CAS Exhibition





'Poetry is when emotions find thoughts and thoughts find the words'

Poetry is a wonderful way to encourage language development and appreciation in young learners because of its rich vocabulary and figurative language.

To uphold the relevance of Hindi language and boost its importance as the national language, learners of Hill Spring International showcased their rhetorical skills in Hindi during the 'Hindi Kavita Pratiyogita' held on 24th October 2018 .

Hindi Kavita Pratiyogita



The learners of Grade 6-9 recited poems on current affairs such as

- * **Women Empowerment**
- * **Cleanliness**
- * **Soldiers**
- * **Election**

The judges found it difficult to evaluate the participants who were judged based on content, voice modulation, presentation and expressions.

Dr. Rakesha Chaturvedi and Ms. Preeti Shekhavat declared the result and appreciated the efforts of learners for their awe-inspiring performance and encouraged the audience to read and appreciate vernacular poetry.



National Gallery of Modern Art

& Jahangir Art Gallery

Visual Arts students of Grade 11 visited art exhibitions at the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) in Colaba and the Jahangir Art Gallery at Kalaghoda on 27th September 2018 to study different artworks, mediums and styles with the intention of incorporating these influences into their techniques and craft for their own art pieces.

The five storey National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) is entirely dedicated to renowned artist Mahadev Vishwanath Dhurandhar, and represents works of a few other influential artists as well. Every floor highlighted an aspect of the artist, his subjects and themes such as women, Indian gods and kings, and other forms of artwork. At the Jahangir Art Gallery at Kalaghoda students learnt much from the many street artists at work who displayed and sold their pieces outside the gallery. Within the Art Gallery students studied the different styles of distinguished artists and their mediums

ranging from 'oil on canvas' for portraits, to bronze and fiber for statues. Students also interacted with the sculptor Ajinkya Chaukar who was present at the art gallery and who gave them valuable knowledge regarding sculpting and the criteria that determined the choice of material to work with.

Answering questions from a questionnaire given by Ms. Varsha Pandit, Faculty for Art who accompanied the students, enabled students to analyse art pieces in terms of intention, idea, context, technique, colour scheme as well as the impact on the viewer making it a very active learning experience. Students were also exposed to the final outcome of the process of curating and putting together an exhibition.

- Aamir Arsiwala, Grade 11.

Grade 1

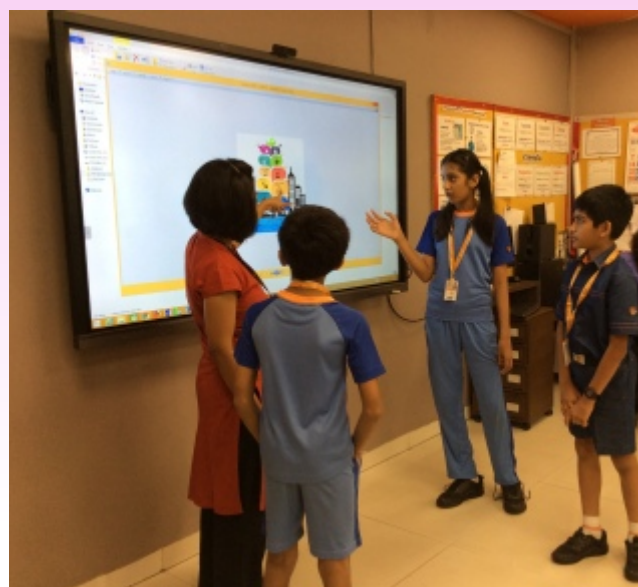
Mrs. Jenny spoke to the students about the season of Advent which is the preparations done by the Christians before the Christmas celebration.



Grade 5



Ms. Asawari spoke to the children about the function of the different wings of the BCM and elections within the BMC. She gave insight on the various initiative taken by the BMC.



Grade 5, Forms of Government

Mrs Rakisha had a session with the students to discuss the various forms of government. She touched upon the difference between democratic and non-democratic governments and help students identify the governments followed by the countries of the world



Grade 8 Mental Health Awareness

The Grade 8 learners, as part of their GP/CAS inquiry into 'How can meditation solve mental health problems caused by technology?' had an informative session conducted by the Enrichment Centre.

Through an interactive presentation, videos and discussions, Ms. Reetu, Ms. Shivani and Ms. Manju very effectively oriented the learners about the importance of mental health. The counselors educated the learners on how mental health problems arise, the overuse and misuse of technology, which leads to mental health problems and how meditation can help cure mental health disorders.

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

The session was planned and executed to create awareness and orient the learners about the issue so that they can inquire further and come up with solutions for the problem during their CAS sessions.

Workshops/ Guest Speaker Talks

Grade 1, Skype Session

Ms. Mandira had a great interactive skype session with the students of grade one and told them how she being a Bengali living in the U.K celebrates the festival of Durga Pooja.



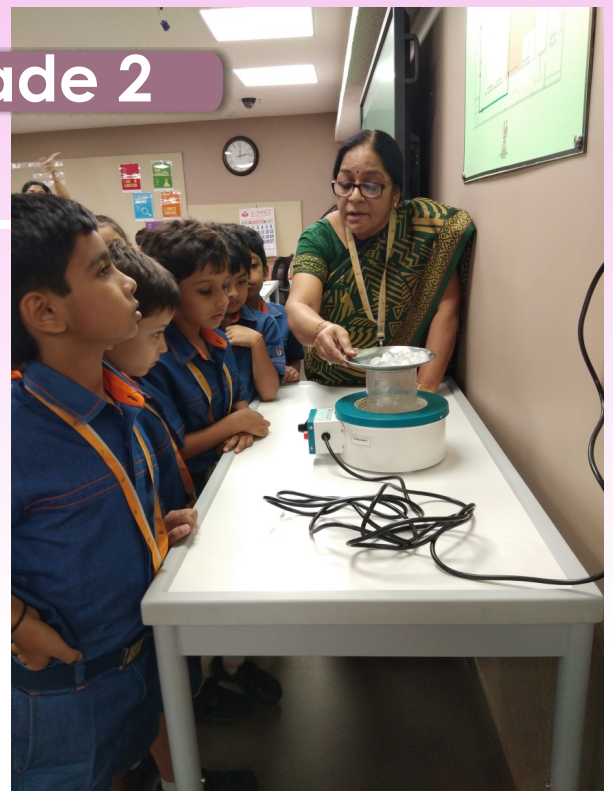
Grade 1



Mrs. Thaker spoke to the students about the traditions and customs followed while celebrating the festival Janmashtami, followed by an art and craft activity

Mrs Lalitha conducted a variety of experiments highlighting the properties of different materials. She facilitated a visual representation of the water cycle showing the change in the different states of matter.

Grade 2





University of Notre Dame - Talk By Dr. Bear

The School University Admissions Counselling Team planned an insightful interaction for Grade 11 students and Parents with Mr. Thomas Bear, Senior Director of Enrollment Management from the University of Notre Dame, USA. The University of Notre Dame, which is considered of equal stature as other top-ranking US Universities, is the preferred choice for many international students who resonate with its Mission. Mr. Bear emphasized those values of truth and service to others, that underpin everything at the University of Notre Dame. His presentation focused on University of Notre Dame's vibrant international milieu, student life and long lasting alumni connections fostered there.

NSS Hill Spring International School is one of the few Indian schools to which **University of Notre Dame has offered student scholarships for its prestigious summer programs, the iLED and iSPY.**



5th October

University of Toronto

10th October

Wheaton College

McGill University

11th October

Simon Fraser University – Canada

15th October

Mount Holyoke University

16th October

Wake Forest University

17th October

(ASM)\University of Notre Dame

23rd October

Georgetown University – Qatar

Wesleyan University

University of Navarra, Spain



Campus University Visits



24th October
**Indiana University - Purdue
University Indianapolis (IUPUI)**

30th October
**University of Bristol
University of Surrey
Kings College London
University of Leeds
University of Exeter**



*Happy
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Best Wishes From
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