

# Neerja Modi School

Our newsletter celebrates the key achievements of our students and highlights the various activities going on around the school



Newsletter for the month of August 2017



# Independence Day Celebration

Pre-  
Primary

The Pre- Primary children celebrated Independence Day with great zeal and exuberance on Friday, August 11, 2017. They came dressed to school in Tricolour outfits. The students enthusiastically sang patriotic songs, spoke about the national symbols and Independence Day. The children had an interactive and inspiring day full of patriotic fun.





# Janmashtami Celebration

Pre-  
Primary

Pre- Primary children celebrated Janmashtami festival on Monday, August 14, 2017 with great zeal and enthusiasm. They came dressed in traditional outfits. They saw the video of the story depicting the birth of Lord Krishna and did different activities. The children spoke about Lord Krishna and shared information on Janmashtami.



# Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration

Pre-Primary

Pre- Primary children celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi festival on Thursday, August 24, 2017 with great enthusiasm. They saw the video of the story depicting the birth of Lord Ganesh, made delicious coconut ladoos and did art activities. The children spoke about Lord Ganesh and shared information on Ganesh Chaturthi.



# Show & Tell Activity

Nursery

A show and tell activity was conducted on Wednesday, August 30, for Nursery class where children brought their favourite vegetable and spoke a few lines about it.



# Dress up & Show and Tell- My Favourite Community Helper

Grade  
Sr. Kg

An introduction to 'Professions' was done with the Sr. Kg children this month. A show and tell activity was conducted where children came dressed as their favourite professional and spoke a few lines.







# A Field Trip to Doll Museum

Grade 1

A Field Trip to Doll Museum was organized as an extension to the topic - Toys and Games.

The students got an opportunity to learn about various dolls of different sizes, shapes, countries, states, cultures etc. They observed them with curiosity and eagerly asked questions. It was a feast for eyes for all present.



## Special Assembly

The first special assembly of the session was conducted by Grade I G on Wednesday, August 9, 2017. The theme of the assembly was Independence Day.

Children presented role plays on various freedom fighters followed by dance, poem and national anthem. It was a patriotic start to the day.



# Texture Group Activity

The students of Grade 1 conducted a group activity based on the textures in the last week of August. They used textures like rough, hard, smooth, soft, bumpy etc to show their creativity in making collages. Each group presented their beautifully made collage to the class by speaking a few lines on it.



## Hindi Recitation

The Hindi Recitation for Grade 1 was conducted on August 26th, 2017. It was an exciting event which included poems such as Katputli, Billi, Khilone wale etc. Every class participated with enthusiasm and some also dressed up as characters from their poems which added colour and presentation to the recitation.





## Club Activity

The third club activity of the session for Grade I was held on August 26th, 2017. The theme of the club was 'Freedom Fighters'. The creative club engrossed the children in making key chains using tricolored beads and ribbons. In the science club the children conducted experiments to show that objects in water appear larger. They learnt about Roman Numbers and created the same in their scraps using matchsticks in Math Club. The life skill club involved the children in discussing the meaning and importance of unity in daily life. They also watched videos based on the same. Children coloured the map of India to show the unity in diversity. In speech and debate club the children prepared few lines from the speeches of famous leaders and freedom fighters. They were introduced and briefed about some freedom fighters. The cookery club was a fun filled activity for the children as they learnt how to make tiranga barfi and tri coloured salad. The focus of the club was to teach the kids to prepare healthy and delicious food and also inculcate the habit of sharing. In the literary club the children shared famous slogans of the freedom fighters and learnt about the meaning of the colours in our national flag. They learnt about the famous freedom fighters around the world.





# Dodge Ball

Dodge Ball matches were organized for Grade I in second week of August. Series of matches were played between different sections of Grade I. All the sections practiced and participated with Great Spirit and sportsmanship. The competition was motivated towards instilling team spirit and conduct both in and outside the classroom.







# Visit To Smriti Van

Grade 2

Students of Grade 2 had hands on experience of their ongoing science unit: Life processes during their visit to Smriti van. They enjoyed exploring their environment, observed the life processes in the living things seen their and discussed them.



# Symmetry Math Activity

Grade 2

Students of Grade 2 are learning about symmetry in math. They enjoyed making symmetrical patterns from water colour blobs on paper.



# A Checking The Five Senses

Grade 2

Students of Grade 2 enjoyed exploring their environment using their senses in a science activity.



# Insect Hunt Activity

Grade II

The young entomologists of Grade II enthusiastically participated in various activities on the ongoing EVS Unit 'Insects'. The zealous children enjoyed discovering and observing insects' behaviour in their natural habitat.



# Special Assembly

Grade II

A special Assembly was conducted by the students of Grade II F. The theme was INDIA. The assembly began with a heart - touching patriotic song 'Chodo Kal Ki Baatein' followed by a small skit on 'Swachh Bharat'. The assembly was concluded by a dance performance which was enjoyed by the audience.



## Declamation

Grade II students participated in Declamation organised on August 2, 2017. They delivered speeches of prominent and distinguished personalities like Subhash Chandra Bose, Mother Teresa, Mark Zuckerberg, Kiran Bedi, Malala Yousufzai and many more. This gave the students an opportunity to learn how to present themselves on public speaking platforms and know more about these personalities and their contribution to the society.



# Special Assembly on Ganesh Chaturthi

Grade II

The student of Grade II A put up a special assembly on Ganesh Chaturthi on August 24, 2017.

The children spoke about the significance of the different body parts of Lord Ganesha. They presented a skit on how 'Lord Ganesha got his elephant head' followed by a traditional Aarti and a mesmerising dance performance.

The assembly ended with the Visarjan of Lord Ganesha by the students chanting " Ganpati Bappa Morya " .





## Club Activity

The third club activity for Grade II was held on Saturday, August 26, 2017. The theme for the club was 'India'. Many interesting activities were organized for each club. Creative club students made file folders using different art techniques while students of Literary club made a booklet on facts about India. Delicious tricolour pedas and dip for snacks prepared by tiny hands of Cookery club made every one's mouth water. Speeches of famous Indian leaders were delivered confidently by Speech and Debate club members. Experiment on Capillary Action, discussion on famous Indian mathematicians and discovery of zero were the highlights of Science and Math club. The day was full of fervor and patriotic spirit.





# Hindi Recitation Competition

Grade II

Hindi Recitation Competition was held for the student of Grade II on Saturday, August 26, 2017.

The children participated confidently and presented poems like Titli, Chidiya Rani, Meethi Boli, Nanhi Kiran and Aao Vriksh Lagaye with full zest and exuberance.

The audience had a great time enjoying the poetic environment and winners were cheered by all.





# Dodge Ball Matches

Dodge Ball Matches were organized for Grade II in the first week of August. Series of matches were played between different sections. The energy level of the children was exemplary. The competition was an effort to encourage sportsmanship and team spirit amongst the students.





# Paragraph Writing Skills

Grade 3

Students of Grade 3 are developing paragraph writing skills. Many interactive strategies were used to reinforce the skill. Students enjoyed working in groups and arranged the key idea strips and supporting details in paragraphs before making presentation.



# Ucmas National Competition

Grade 3

Siddhi Agarwal of 3B was given Merit in the 16th Ucmas National competition in Ahemdabad, Gujarat held on August 19th. Participants from all over Asia took part in the competition.





# Inter Class Swimming Competition

Grade III

"Success isn't final, failure isn't fatal, its courage that counts".  
-Alina Couotts

Bringing forward the courage, NMS organized an Intra Class Swimming Competition for the students of Grade III. Student of each section fearlessly competed with each other with true fairness, integrity and boldness.



## Declamation

In order to develop Oratory skills of the students, a Declamation competition was organized for Grade III children on Wednesday, August 16, 2017. All the participants had put in their tremendous hard work and exhibited their confidence and public speaking skills.





# Visit To Technology Park

Grade III

As a review of the concept 'Different types of houses', a field trip for Grade III was planned on August 11, 2017 to the Technology Park. Children explored and recorded their observation on the different types of houses.



## Special Assembly

The children of Grade III A and III B enthusiastically participated in the special assembly.

The children were given the opportunity and the platform to display their talent. The assembly included songs dances and thought for the day.



# A Special Assembly

Grade III

Nms' stage was transformed into Gokul when the students of 3A and III I presented a special assembly on Janmashtami. A heartwarming skit was put up by the students which highlighted the strong bond of friendship between 'Krishna and Sudama' followed by soul ouching bhajan 'Achutam keshavam' and energetic dance performance on popular song 'woh Krisna hai'.



# Math Fair

Students of Grade 5 participated with a lot of excitement in the Math Fair. The students prepared and arranged their presentation, games, puzzles and riddles and posed a challenge to the other section students to solve. It was indeed very insightful to note how simple concepts of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division can turn out into such creative and brain teasers games and develop lots of healthy competitive spirit and problem solving techniques among peers. The teachers also did not miss the chance to give a shot at the fun filled math fair activities. All the participants were delighted with rewards earned by them. They exchanged ideas which added a lot of value to the learning. This wonderful experience was everyone's gain.







## Club Activities

Gr 1-5 Club activities were organised on the theme 'Festivals' on Saturday, August 26, 2017.

- Gr 1 Life Skill Club members participated in groups and shared information about the given festival via role plays and drawings focusing on strengthening values like sharing, respecting elders, protecting our environment.
- In Gr 1-2 Speech and Debate Club, young speakers spoke about their favourite festivals. Gr 3 to 5 club members debated on: Should effigies of Ravan be burnt or should the Ravan within be burnt.
- The literary club members read about festivals around the world and Gr 3 to 5 created posters in groups on some absolutely new and original festivals that they came up with. They shared its significance and how best it can be celebrated.
- Creative Club - The Gr 1-2 artists made beautiful Paper cup Ganeshji to mark the celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi. Gr 3-5 painted colourful Ganpati using glass colour.
- Gr 1 to 5 Budding chefs learnt to make tricolor sandwich, chocolate laddoos/barfi and tricolor kebabs on the theme 'India' in cookery club.
- Gr 3 to 5 Math club members enjoyed learning Roman numerals and formed roman numerals with ice cream sticks. They also solved mind boggling puzzles.
- Gr 3 to 5 Scouts and Guide club members also had an enriching session.

It was fun filled and enriching experience for the children as always.





# Intra Grade Debate Competition

Grade 6

Debate imparts analysis of complex issues : of ethics, law ,politics and science . It teaches rhetoric and speak in front of an audience. Keeping the same philosophy in mind an Inter house Debate Competition was held on Saturday, August 19 for the students of Grade 6 .The enthusiastic participants expressed their views on “ text books should replace laptops”. It was definitely a thought provoking argument where the participants debated on the merits and demerits of the proposition. The audience was enthralled by the arguments.



# 4th Annual College Fair

Neerja Modi School took immense pleasure in hosting it's 4th Annual College Fair on 24th August 2017. Representatives from more than 45 International and Indian Institutions interacted with the students and parents. The discussions focused on different facets of gaining admission, scholarships and attending college thus providing the students with an excellent opportunity to gather information.



# CAS

## UMANG: Service

As part of CAS Service grade IB-12 students' volunteer at UMANG, a school for special children. Helping the teachers at UMANG in taking the kids around, celebrating special days with them, helping them do their activities provide gainful experiences to the students sensitising them to the needs of others.



## **Planning their CAS: Visit to the City Palace.**

As part of their CAS work, the children of IBDP paid a visit to City Palace, revelling in all its splendour. With the help of a guide, they toured the entire palace, and while doing so, learned interesting facts about the palace and its history. The aim of the visit, however, was to expose the children to the various options available for them to do their CAS projects. Some of the projects children proposed included restoration projects, textile workshops with hands-on training, photography, service in terms of taking tourist feedback and helping disabled people tour the palace.



## Student's Writeups

### **Description of a person wearing Indian clothing that looked very odd.**

I went to a party last night and saw an unusual woman there. She wore a polka - dotted sari and stomped while others would have walked. She also wore high heels that clicked around when she marched. Her face was very stern. Her mouth was narrowed into a posture like a zipped-up zip. Moreover, her nose was flat, not pointy and looked enormous when she was talking. To top it all, she sadly sighed, closed her eyes, and frowned whenever she saw me.

**Prisha Jain 5 A**

### **A negative character description**

The Grinch has a large potbelly, long fingers and feet, a pear - shaped body (much like the Whos), yellow teeth and is covered in green hair. He has red pupils and yellow eyeballs. His fingers and feet look longer due to the long portions of hair coming off them. He has large, sinister black eyebrows and deep lines on his forehead. His mouth lines are subtle when he is in a neutral mood, yet very stretched when he is grinning. In the book, his eyes are, red-pink with black irises, while in the movie, they are yellow with black irises.

**Prisha Jain 5 A**



### **Exercise keeps us fit and healthy**

Exercise is important for our body as it is helpful in keeping our body tremendously fit, healthy and vibrant. There're different forms of exercises such as racing, skipping, hiking, cycling, boxing, yoga, dancing etc. While the best time to exercise is at dawn on an empty stomach, it can be done anytime of the day. As a result of daily practice, our muscles get stretched and the body becomes extremely flexible. Due to lack of regular exercise, our body may become obese. We tend to get lazy and irritated. Exercise can be sometimes exhausting and annoying but definitely keeps us active. It can be done alone or enjoyed in groups. It is an awesome activity for kids as well as adults.

**Chaarvi Bansal 5B**

### **I love my grandparents**

I love my grandparents as they are similar to me in many ways. Their understanding skills are neither better nor worse than mine. Their stories are magical and marvelous. Moreover, they are generally my parents who have just grown older. Besides, they know how the world has been developing in these many centuries and years. When I sit on their bumpy beds to listen to their stories, I actually feel that I am travelling with them into a world which is unique and different . They are truly my heroic grandparents.

**Aditya Agarwal 5A**

India is a land of diverse culture. It is spread and divided into 29 states and 7 union territories. Though, it is a huge country the people are always together and cooperating with each other. In the north, it is a very rich land with diverse culture traditions and food (with many dishes made in it). The southern part of India is rich in agriculture. The east and west are totally covered with a love of celebrating festivals. Moreover, India has many festivals celebrated all over and it is really a land of diverse culture and traditions. It has been given the slogan of ' UNITY IN DIVERSITY' as it is united but with diverse cultures.

**Noor Angad Singh 5 B**