

Hello Parents!

Happy NAFL Year 2023-24! School is a place of colour, light and laughter. Our theme for this year,

'One little spark...
IMAGINATION ...
Imagine what you will,
Will what you imagine!'

has us exploring work practices, and attitudes with freshness of perspective and curiosity.

At the heart of individual imagination nestles a precious space for ideas that are unique to each of us. We aspire that every NAFLER is engaged and challenged enough to tap into that space and weave one-off spirals of thinking and creating that sparks new learning and doing!

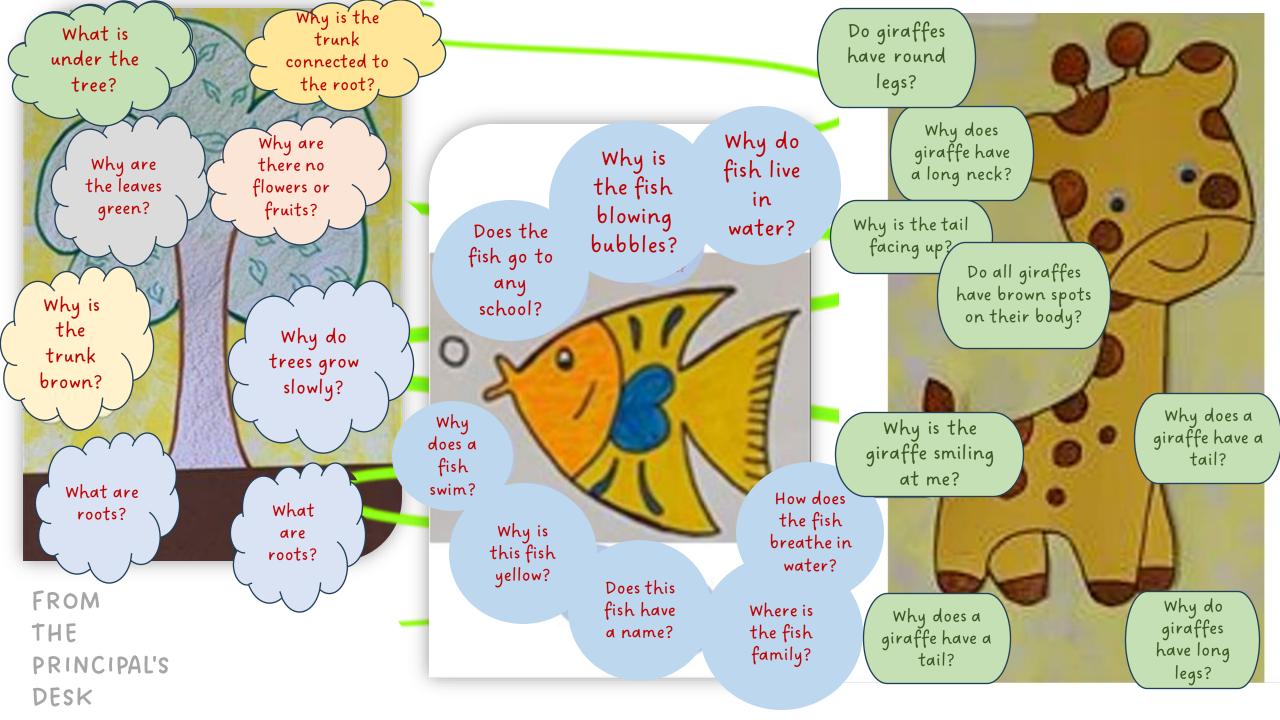
How do we make that imaginative learning visible? How do we anchor flights of fancy against method and structure? We trained ourselves in May 2023 on the expectations and needs for the new school year and introduced Note Taking, the Question Formulation Technique and Journal Writing as a whole school endeavour.



Training children to think by asking more questions, sets them up to critically challenge the world around them. It set off the 4 Cs, Creativity, Critical thinking, Communication, and Collaboration.

Our Montessori children's responses when pictures were presented to them (and questions encouraged), tell their own story of QFT in action! (Wait for the next page!)

(Sometimes, thinking like a child is good for all of us!)





The school year also sees us working on our heartbeat...our Kindness Quotient...our Good Vibe. We will announce Kindness Awards at the end of Grade 5 and Grade 10. We hope it raises the bar on good conduct, personal integrity, and sense of community.

Positive connections and strong supportive relationships in school and with family, develop a Sense of Belonging (Love), a Sense of Mattering (Self-Esteem) and Self-Actualisation (Autonomy).

May the new school year take NAFL places!

Warm regards Indira Jayakrishnan Principal

FROM
THE
PRINCIPAL'S
DESK



The first step is to connect with the children.

Teaching is to nurture the creativity and individuality of every child. Once we connect with children, it happens naturally.

I am excited to work
with innocent
children and
their creative minds!

The wonder of teaching is watching caterpillars become butterflies.

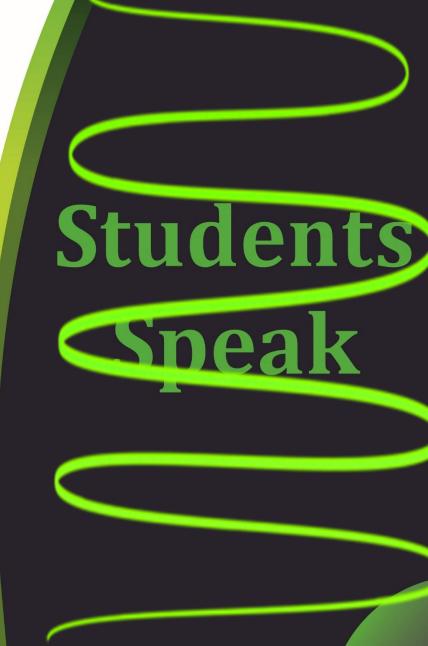
A good education can change anyone.
A good teacher can change everything.

school ground because if we fall, we will not get hurt. the ground is super amazing, I wish I could go down and eat.

I am happy to be back to school as I got bored at home.

I am happy to be back and I can meet all my new friends.

Our playground
looks bright and
beautiful and I am
excited to play on
it!





UNE LITTLE SPARK...
IMAGINATIO



Back to school ...

School roared back to life with the return of our young sparks from grades 9-12. Breathing bristling energy back into the waiting hallways, our students celebrated their Back-To-School Assembly with music, dance and an exciting Treasure Hunt!

Fête de la Musique - 21st June Our incredibly talented Senior School Choir serenaded us in perfectly balanced harmony, right on theme for the Summer Solstice!

Parent Orientation

In May 2023, our school hosted a comprehensive Parent Orientation for Grades 1 to 5 newcomers and parents. School events, essential protocols, the academic calendar, and student expectations were covered in detail providing students and parents a clear roadmap for the year ahead. The event culminated in an engaging Q&A session, allowing parents to address concerns and seek clarifications. It set the tone to a warm and gracious partnership between the school and parents for a successful academic year ahead.





International Yoga Day

In keeping with our multidisciplinary theme, our **Primary students** celebrated IYD with Origami in Art class and a yoga story. Replete with songs and rich imagination, they enjoyed 'going to the forest' with a paper animal friend and a bobbing, 'breathing', paper boat!

The Middle Schoolers combined dance motifs with yoga postures to create stunning formations on IYD.

Our **High Schoolers** breathed to Yoga Nidra, a deeply restorative practice that got them visualising happy memories from the summer holidays! Post the practice, they worked on art, poetry or story narratives to visualise their experience!

NAFL Annual Prize Day

Celebrating 2022-23

















Annual Prize Day

NAFL's Annual Prize Day had a new format this year! Academic and Co-Curricular prizes were awarded during Special Assemblies in June, followed by a special Prize Day Ceremony on June 24, 2023, to felicitate the Board Achievers. The newly appointed Council Members took their solemn oath of office led by our Principal, Ms. Indira Jayakrishnan, in a brief, yet meaningful ceremony.



HEAD GIRL Ananya Seth

HEAD BOY Samarth S Rao

SPORTS CAPTAINS Vibha S Vivek & Abhay A Kharge

KAMAL

Captains B.T. Nidhi Gowda & Abhay Sethi

NIHAL

Captains Ritu R Bharamaraddi & Govind Vedante

VISHAL

Captains Ananya Moolamane & Ayush K.C

NAFL EDITORIAL

Navya Yogesh Mokashi , Ananya Narayan , Sadhana Prakash, Manya Bhanti

NAFL GREEN

Tamanna Goel, Adya Shigehalli

NAFL CHOIR

Ishthara Kiran, Mukund Arun



NAFL ART & CULTURE

Sara Pole, Aadhya Satnur, Abhirami Iyer



C'est notre imagination...

The French Day festivities included a celebration of comic strips, inspired by the Festival de la Bande Dessinée d'Angoulême! Imagination was challenged to complete the end of a French cartoon film students watched (only up to the halfway point) featuring Dustin, a lovable pup, and a home robot.

Dreams soared with a self-crafted anthem by Middle and Senior School French students, titled, 'One Little Spark'!





World Tiger Day

NAFLers across grades donned tiger stripes and roared in support of our tigers for World Tiger Day! Our brilliant Art Department made Tiger-stripe sponge stencils and went from class to class, spreading stripes and transforming our hallways into a vibrant jungle.

Team NAFL came together to honour tigers and. acknowledge the importance of tiger conservation.





Sports Day began as a thrilling span of three days filled with athletic competitions and qualifiers. Our athletes converged at a stadium close to school for the first time ever! Students of the three Houses vied to crack their prowess at the many running events as also at High Jump and Long Jump, buoyed by spirited cheers and the seamless coordination of our Physical Education Department and NAFLTY!

Saturday, 5 August with Grades 6 to 12 and their parents. The colourful school parade, a brilliant display by the Grade 8 School Band, thrilling relay races and a drill display by Grades 6 and 7 mesmerised the crowd. The Senior School Choir raised NAFL's spirits with a rousing rendition of the sports anthem, 'Aspire, Achieve, Excel'. A friendly football match between the alumni and the parents got the crowd on their feet and cheering! A brand-new event this year was the Poster Relay, where students raced, in turns, to best represent Kamal, Nihal and Vishal in an imaginative poster making competition - blending art and sport in signature NAFL style!





Independence Day Special Assembly

NAFLERs celebrated 76 years of Independence with music, dance, and a sprinkle of whimsy! After the hoisting of the flag and the Opening Address by Principal Ms. Indira, the three Houses, Kamal, Vishal and Nihal competed to create the most innovative Indian recipe for The Great Indian Imaginative Dessert Challenge! After hitting the sweet spot with mangoes in all forms, the School Band put up an incredible display, followed by a classic Street Play in Hindi that navigated the themes of identity and Indianness.

Our PY SaPa Choir of over 58 members then went on to perform a delightful medley of patriotic songs to stunning effect! The Grade 6 and 7 students enthralled the audience with a beautifully choreographed Drill Display. Concluding the upbeat event was talented Grade 2 flautist, Guruguha, who captivated the entire school with his heart-stopping rendition of the National Anthem!



Teachers' Day was a day-long celebration of beloved NAFLTY by our very talented NAFLERS! The Primary students cheered loudly as their teachers ran races and played games. Students of grade 8 surprised the school with a festive Flash Mob and had the entire school dancing to their tunes! The Senior School students took to the stage for their first Interhouse Cultural Fest, PlayACT Fantasia, and gifted their teachers thrilling, action-packed performances!

All NAFLTY then came together for a Teachers Day After-party in the evening, featuring resident rappers - Ms. Indira and her Coordinators! Charged from the performance, and the sugar cupcakes, the teachers then participated in a highly competitive Treasure Hunt organised by the students of Grade 8. A day for the memory books, for sure!

NAFL PlayACT-Fantasia!

In the spirit of artistic flair and camaraderie that thrives at NAFL, our Senior School students showcased talent and passion at our very first intra-House NAFL PlayACT Fantasia.!

Members of Nihal, Kamal, and Vishal, poured talent, ideas and creativity into their three musicals - Beauty and the Beast, Tangled and The Sultan's Daughter.

The plots of their productions revolved around charming Disney stories with a twist of unique imagination that made it their own distinct production! All the Houses captivated with their stellar performances!

Kamal House were declared the Winners bagging the coveted first time trophy!









ZERO SHADOW DAY

Ever felt like your shadow's playing hide and seek with you? Well, on August 18th in Bengaluru, something fascinating happened – the shadows decided to take a day off!

It's called **Zero Shadow Day**, and no, it's not a new superhero movie! It's a celestial event where the sun is directly overhead with no shadows, a phenomenon observed by ancient civilizations. Sundials go on strike, and buildings that usually cast long, dramatic shadows suddenly become ... less dramatic.

Here, at NAFL Bengaluru, we didn't miss the chance to participate in this astronomical marvel. What an amazing cosmic event!















It was heartwarming to see NAFL Alumni back in school ready to give tips on acing Board papers, tips on building portfolios and essays for Grades 11 & 12 for their admissions to Indian, U.S & U.K. universities.

Arnav Mayur, Naman Shah & Sristi Sridhara also pitched in as Student Mentors to teach Math to students of Grades 8 and 9.

We hope for more and MORE COLLABORATIONS!

ALUMNI @ NAFL

"The session was honestly great! We can have debates on the ethics of Media Writing next time!"
-Manya Bhanti(AL)



"It as a very useful session! They made it easy to understand how to structure answers for 20 marks questions."
-Abhay Sethi(AL)

"The sessions highlighted areas that we had not considered earlier, which were helpful!"

Gahan Kashyap (AL)

NAFL GUEST SPEAKER SERIES 2023-24

A new initiative we have launched this year is to have experienced professionals join us at school and address the students. Several NAFL parents have spoken to the students in Term 1.

On Doctor's Day, the EY had Dr Pooja talked to them about the sleep cycle, dental hygiene and a healthy diet.

The MY students had Dr. Uma talk about the influence of gadgets and the importance of sleep.

The SY and SSY students had a host of parent experts address them on various business practices that brought textbook learning alive!





NAFL Guest Lecture Series 2023-24

Senior School, enjoyed visits from the parents through a series of Guest Speaker sessions on topics under study. They shared life experiences and professional journeys to bring textbooks alive for them!

Students learned how to pitch an extraordinary business idea and gained insight into what makes an entrepreneur. They explored key stages of the business cycle, such as growth, boom, recession, and slump. They were also exposed to environmental concerns and ethical issues, which pose opportunities and constraints to businesses. The concept of globalization and the reasons behind it, as well as the opportunities and threats it poses to businesses, were discussed. Students took away key strategies for making investment decisions from the sessions.

A warm salute to NAFL Parents for their dedication to educate!

Major Deepshika Gupta (Retd.), an experienced psychologist and motivational speaker, shared her valuable insights with the Middle School parents and students of Grades 6 and 7-on meaningful family time as well as policing our digital wanderings!

The biggest insights happened when the children were asked what they would like to do with their parents on a No-Gadget Sunday. And their responses:

- I'd like us to 'eat together'.
- It would be fun to play a board game together.
- I want to play cricket, badminton, go swimming, enjoy a camping trip with my family!
- I'd love to draw and paint with my mother.
- · I want to just have a conversation with my mother!

The key take aways were sent to parents from sessions, so we stay connected on online challenges and how we can collectively navigate the slippery digital landscape!



NAFL GUEST SPEAKER SERIES Gadgets & the Sleep Cycle

We were delighted to host Dr. Uma M Krishnaswamy from St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences to address our Senior School students on the eve of Doctors' Day. Speaking on the importance of a good sleep routine and gadgets that keep us from it, she offered crucial insights on how diet, screen time and dopamine spikes from Social Media come in the way of a good night's sleep.

With her simple and accessible solutions, she set us thinking how best we could put enough distance between our many 'screens' well before bedtime, to implement a calm, no-scroll agenda before bed. Sweet dreams are made of these!





- · Why have we 'woken up' to the importance of sleep?
- Our lifestyle is antagonistic to cultivating good sleep habits respecting the light-dark/day-night cycle designed by nature. Sleep has been relegated to an as-needed practice from a much needed one. Some of the causes for this paradigm shift in perceiving sleep as an essential biological activity are:
 - 24/7 lifestyle with availability of light, social life, and gadgets.
 - Working across time zones is becoming a norm for most professions.
- Is sleep more important in adolescents? If yes, why?
- Adolescence (10-24 years of age) is a period of intense physical and mental growth. This is also the period when academic, peer and social pressures are at their zenith, creating a conflict between basic needs and nice-to have needs.

ADOLESCENCE: THE NATURE - NURTURE CONUNDRUM



Brain maturation

Hormonal changes

Growth spurt

Delayed sleep onset

Short sleep cycles



Academic pressures

Social life

Gadgets

Habits- caffeinated drinks addictions



ISSUES WITH GADGET ADDICTION

Behavioral problems

- Poor concentration
- Memory impairment
- · Poor scholastic performance

CONSEQUENCES OF SLEEP DEPRIVATION

Psychological problems

- Depression
- Mood disorders

REDUCED SLEEP

Physical problems

- Obesity
- Lowering of immunity I
- Pain syndromes

Poor impulse control

- Addictive behavious
- Anti-social behaviours
- Accident proneness

Inactivity

Repetitive stress injury

Muscle and joint pains

Obesity

Sleep Issues

Sleep deprivation

Poor quality sleep

Circadian rhythm disruption

Gadget usage

Psychological issues

Instant gratification and comfort in virtual world

Poor Interpersonal relationships

Learning issues

Dependence on gadgets for information

Stunted neuronal development

Poor scholastic performance



REMEDIAL MEASURES FOR SLEEP ISSUES AND GADGET OVERUSE

Enforcing gadget-free family time

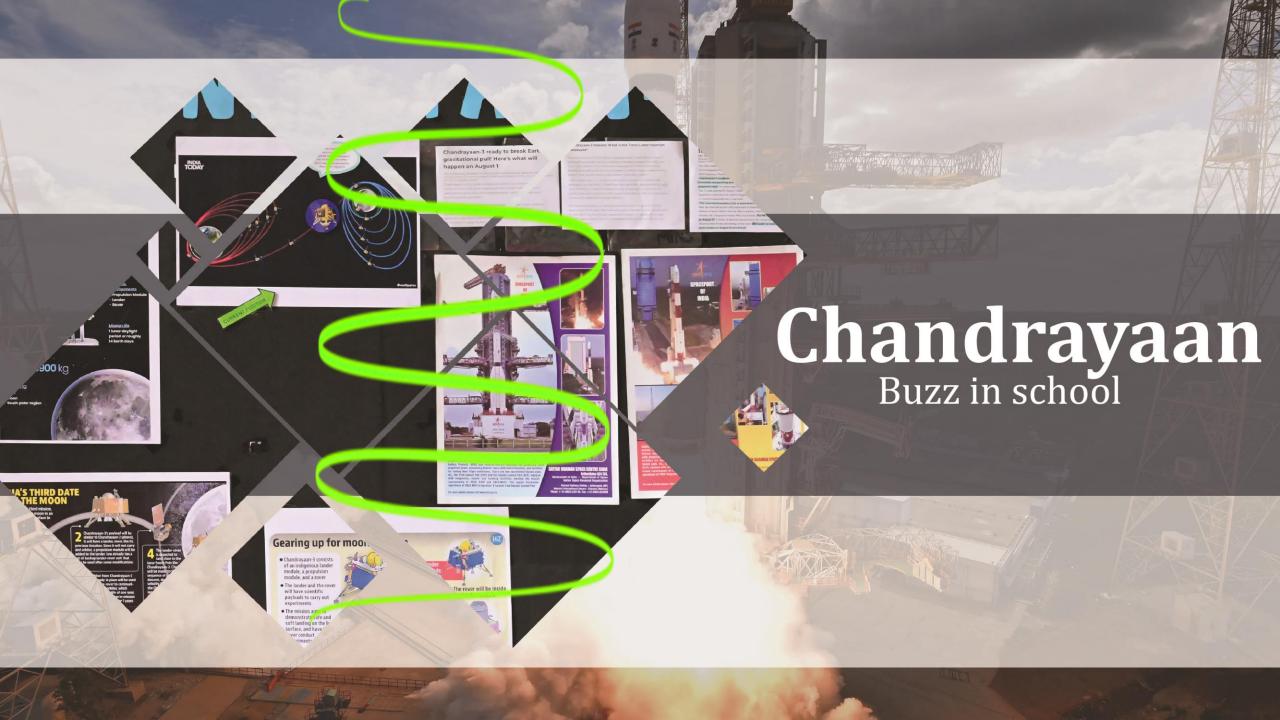
· Interacting with the real world instead of the virtual one.

 Winding down rituals for good sleep: early evening exercise, light meals at night, no caffeine for at least 6 hours prior to bedtime, warm bath before bedtime, reduce light exposure close to bedtime by using dimmers, switch off gadgets/laptops at least an hour before bedtime.

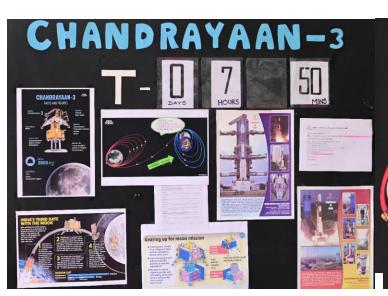
Identify your chronotype [owl/lark-morning/evening person?]
 and schedule studies accordingly

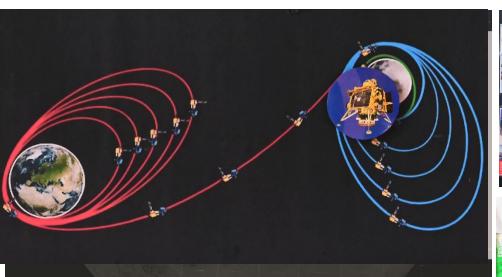
· Never lose sleep before an exam

Hope this was a useful read! Thank you, Dr. Uma!



















We never let the excitement go down at school!

Our students created a Vision Board in the school lobby with a magnetic model of Chandrayaan 3. They tracked its trajectory to the Moon painstakingly for a whole month!

The whole school cheered ISRO and India forward with a signature campaign and joyous celebrations!

We also set up MS Teams Meetings in the evening of the BID GAY and teachers and students and parents watched the live touchdown together! "JAI HIND!"

Our Computer Science students from Grades 11 and 12 flew to Singapore for an exciting Al Bootcamp conducted by the prestigious National University of Singapore between August 27-September 3, 2023. Immersing themselves in the world of AI at NUS the students gained exposure to cutting edge technologies in the AI domain. They also explored the delights of the city, making some precious memories!









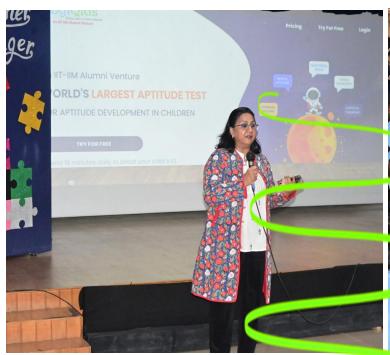
Students AI Bootcamp









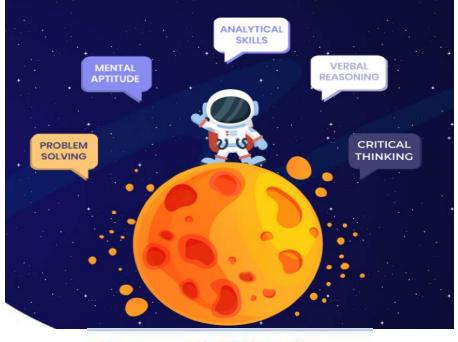




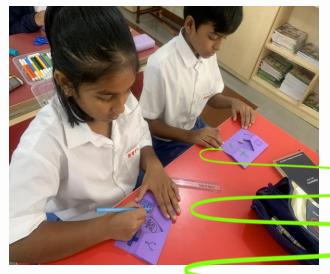




A Logi Qids quiz was organised to test logic and reasoning skills of our Grades 1 to 5. The questions pushed critical thinking and analysis! We hope our children register for the training by Logi Qids, so they excel in competititive exams. (https://www.logiqids.com)













Doctor's Day

Doctors are the unsung heroes of our nation, serving on a different frontline, battling everyday health crises to save lives or enhance life expectancy.

In a heartwarming gesture, our PY students crafted special greeting cards for their beloved paediatricians!

More strength and power to our doctor community!

NPS-NAFL - Swimming Competition

Our students made us proud, winning several accolades at this year's NAFL-NPS Sporting events.



Smriti Nagesh (11 ISC)

Third Position in 50m Butterfly stroke

Tanavs sidd (9 ICSE B)

First Position in 50m Backstroke, Second in 50m Breaststroke, Third in 100m Freestyle

Kashvi Sreenivas (7A)

Third Position in 50m Backstroke

Siri Sundeep Kadanur (5C)

Second Position in 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke and 50m Breaststroke

Avani Viroopaksha Sajjanshettar (5C)

Second Position in 50m Butterfly stroke, Third in 50m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke

Parth Gururaj (5B)

Third in 50m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke

Shaurya Shekar Ss (4C)

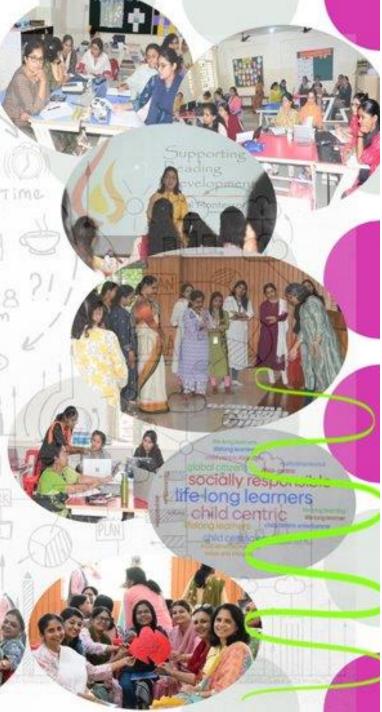
Second in 50m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke



Professional Development @ NAFL

Teachers at NAFL are constantly on their toes, working towards their mandated 50 hours of professional training for the academic year. The training can be in-house at NAFL, through the TTA, as well as with Cambridge, CISCE and KISA, and outside professionals.

- The TISB Teacher Training Academy, our main partner for professional support, offers a range of short term and long term self-study courses. This year, Boot Camps for the KG and Montessori Teams and the CORE Group Training (for the PE, Music, Dance & Art Departments) have been a big draw.
- Our monthly, tgifOH! (Thank God Its Friday,OH!) sessions under the TTA umbrella, see professional
 sharing of best practices from across the NAFL-NPS schools. Through online classes one Friday every
 month, we teach various subject across levels and schools. The initiative has proved extremely useful to
 learn and grow from each other.
- 'Day Out With Dr. Bindu' at a resort in the outskirts of Bengaluru in September 2023 was a
 wonderful initiative for the teachers from NAFL and NAFL North to meet with our Board of
 Governors. We discussed academic growth, innovative practices and student well-being. We played
 games preparing Bhel Puri, dancing to a one-minute soundtrack, and group games with jigsaw puzzles
 and a treasure hunt!

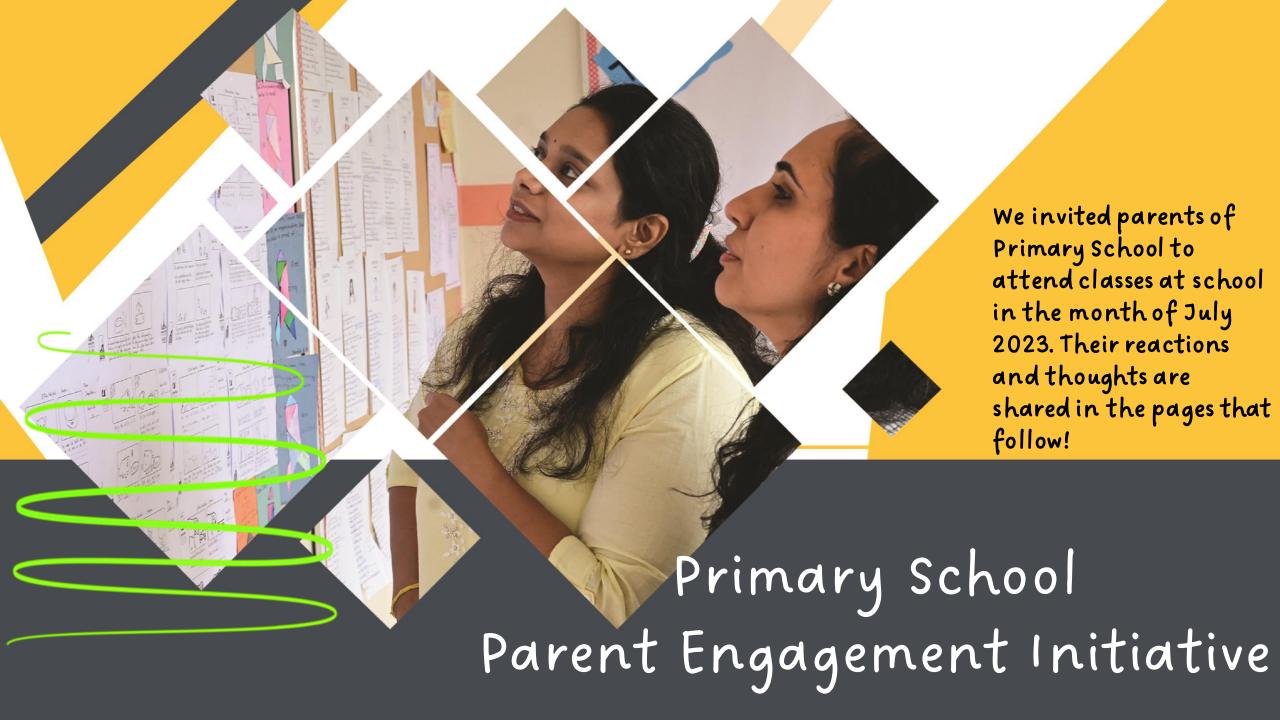








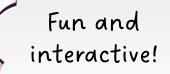












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Grade 1 Parents Speak





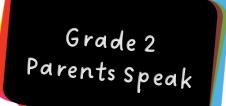


Our child repeatedly saying on weekends, 'I miss school' is justifiable! Thank you, NAFL! Kindly continue to inspire them!









PY PEI 2023-24

A refreshing methodology! It's practical remember the concepts. The child could be schooled at NAFL!









Grade 3 Parents Speak

PY PEI

Was amazed by the confidence of the kids! The credit goes to the teachers and the school!

Revisiting school
awakened all our
memories! Thank you
for giving us this
opportunity!

Grade 4 Parents Speak

PY PEI 2023-24



PY PEI 2023-24

The content, delivery and class participation were a delight to watch!

Grade 5 Parents Speak

I enjoyed the group discussions very much. The children actively participated.







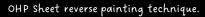




Club Activities@ NAFL







Artvaganza

Artvaganza, a diverse range of captivating art lessons, from the fundamentals of drawing to the vibrant world of painting and intricacies of papercraft.

Learners eagerly delve into the new techniques and methods. The joy and excitement during Art Class, make every session an unforgettable experience!



Handmade Bookmarks - Mixed media











Basketball & Soccer

Sports impart invaluable life lessons of discipline, responsibility, self-confidence, accountability, and most importantly, a sense of team.

Our clubs encourage all these and more! Healthy competition means working with participants of different skill levels, and that means valuable mentorship opportunities too!

Feel the Beat!

Our Dance Club sessions include invigorating warm-up exercises that enhance stamina, flexibility, body alignment, posture, and coordination.

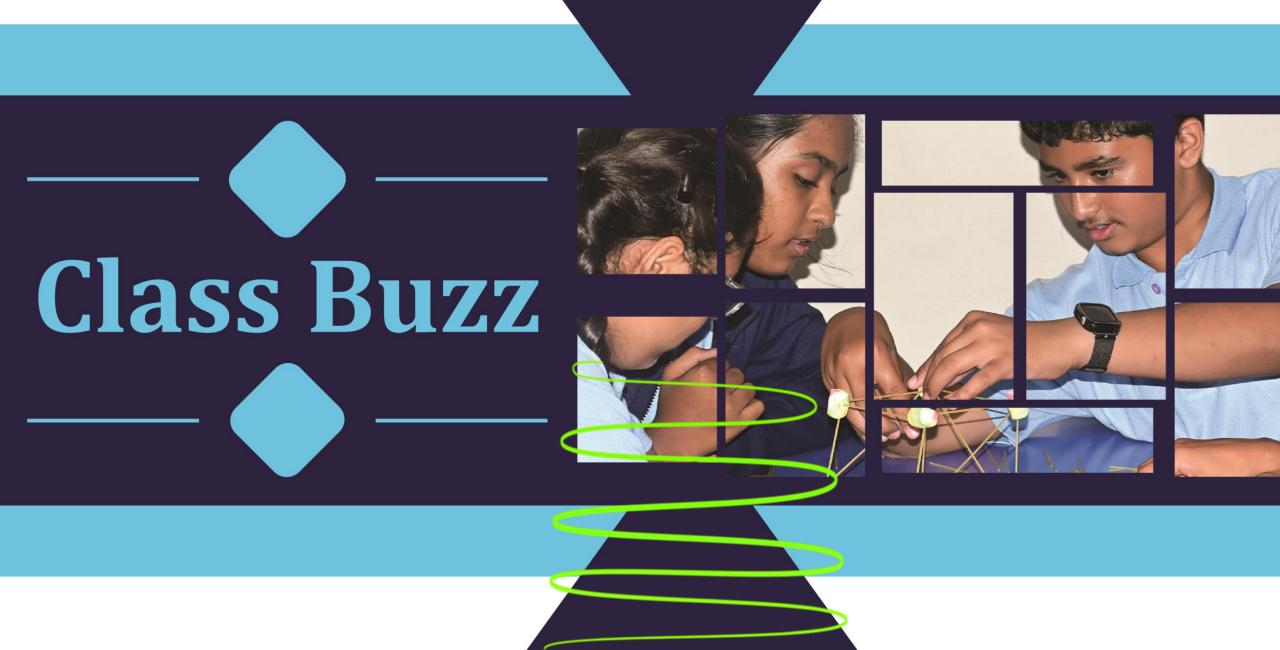
The exciting journey takes students through Western Dance, Semi-Classical Dance, Folk Dance, Free-Style Dance, and even a dynamic Dinosaur Drum Dance!





Taekwondo

In addition to being an enjoyable and effective form of self-defence, the Taekwondo classes foster discipline and positivity. Students learn respect for oneself and others, self-restraint, patience, perseverance, and a resilient, "can do" mindset.



WORLD TIGER DAY ... Roar for the Tiger, Save the Pride!











SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT - Jam a life-long learner!







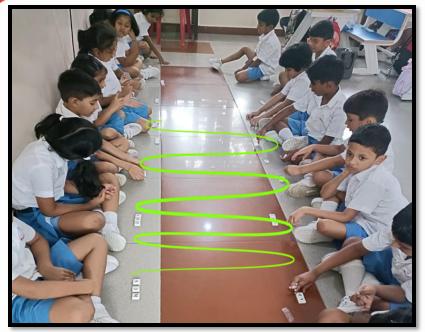






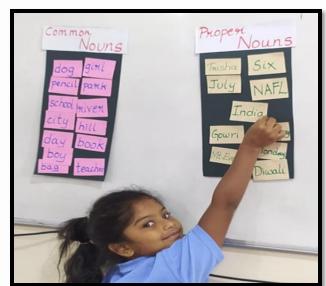


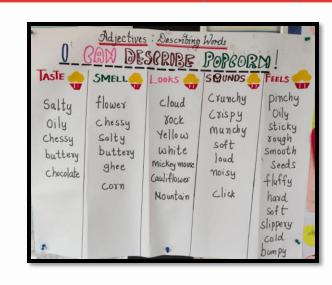
ACTIVE LEARNING - Involve me and I learn!













ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE - Research and create anew

















MATHEMATICS - Learning by doing













MATH LAB ACTIVITIES - Manipulate the abstract into real



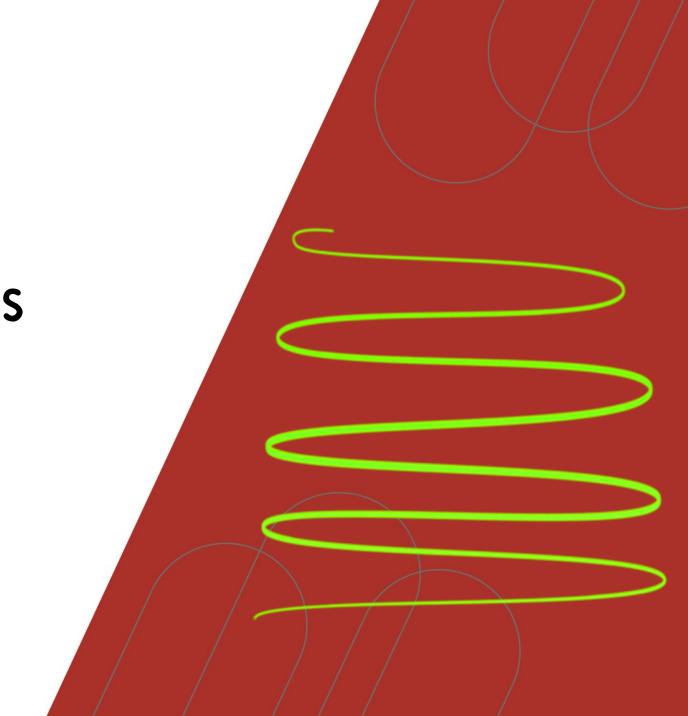








Term 1 Portions



Literature: CEE (Collins Revised Engaging English-1)

Ch-3 Fun with Friends

Ch-4 Life on a Farm

Ch-5 Grandfather's Visit

Ch-6 My Naughty Friend (Poem)

Ch-7 Ronny's Birthday

Grammar (Book: Collins English Grammar and Composition - 1)

Ch 2-Naming Words (Nouns)

Ch 3- Common Names and Special Names (types of nouns)

Ch 5- He or She (Male-Female)

Ch 7- Describing Words (Adjectives)

Ch 8- 1, You, He, She, It (Pronouns)

Ch 9- You, We, They (Pronouns)

Ch 10 - A, An, The (Articles)

Ch 12- Doing Words (Verbs)

Phonics (Spiral Bound Book)

Ch 4- Consonant Blends

Ch 5- Hard and Soft C (hard C)

Ch 6- Hard and Soft G (hard G)

Other Topics (Refer Worksheets/Notebook) Unseen Reading Comprehension Passages Picture Composition Creative Writing



Mathematics

Book: New Inspired Maths-1

Ch 1- Numbers 1 -20

Ch 2- Numbers 21- 100

Ch 3- Addition 1-9

Ch 4- Subtraction 1-9

Ch 5- Addition 1-20

Ch 7- Geometry

Other Topics - Even and Odd and (Refer Worksheets/Notebook)

Environmental Science

Book: Tree House 1

Ch 1- Introducing Myself

Ch 2 - My Body and Its Organs

Ch 3 - Others in My World

Ch 4 - Celebrating Together

Ch 5 - Our Food

Ch 6 - Water for Life

Ch 7 - Houses Around Us

Ch 8 - Clothes We Wear

Note: Refer Textbook, Notes and Worksheets



Hindi

Vowels - a to aha / 3T to 3T:, Identification of pictures.

Consonants - Ka to Ma / 布 to 开, Identification of pictures.

Vocabulary - Two - three letter words with equivalent English words.

Hindi Numbers - 1 to 10

Computer Science

Textbook: Click Start 1
Ch 1- Know Your Computer
Ch 2-Parts of a Computer
Ch 6-Introduction to MS Paint

Lab: MS Paint

Hindi Computer Science



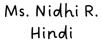
Ms. Nirmala J. Grade Teacher

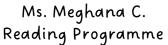


Ms. Rupa S.



Kannada







Ms. Shwetha S. Dance

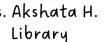




Ms. Savitha V. Indian Music (SaPa)



Ms. Akshata H.





Ms. Natasha C. Work Experience

Ms. Usha P Global Perspectives



Ms. Roopa B. P.E.



Ms. Smitha D. Art





Ms. Poornima B. R. Computer Science



Ms. Prathima C. S. Grade Teacher

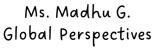
Teaching is a work of heart! The Grade 18 Team

Ms. Indumathi S. Associate Teacher



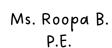


Ms. Anitha B. Kannada







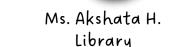




Ms. Indumathi M. H. Computer Science

Ms. Smitha D. Art



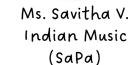




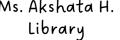
Ms. Prashansa K. Reading Programme













Ms. Madhu G. Grade Teacher + Global Perspectives



Ms. Roopa B. P.E.



Ms. Anitha B. Kannada





Ms. Alka S. Hindi







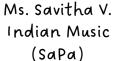
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Mr. Abhijith K. Western Music



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