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NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents,

Greetings from NSS Hill Spring International School!

"Come September" and Hill Spring celebrated with great enthusiasm various areas of our personal and collective gratitude in the form of Janmashtami, Teachers and Grandparents Days, Gandhi Jayanti and our mega Middle/Senior School event "EXPRESSIONS".

Being firmly rooted in our local and national culture, the students learnt extensively about 'Ganesh Mahotsav' and Gandhi Jayanti. Both these occasions were expressed through Assemblies and Visual Art/Craft sessions. Grandparents Day by Grade 3 had a strong message of sharing with and caring for our friends and neighbours irrespective of class, caste or community.

Hill Spring continues to be a vibrant centre for learning, appreciating and celebrating differences.

Wishing all of you a happy and enjoyable festive season.

Warm regards,
Nalini Pinto

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT
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CAS Exhibition PYP/IBDP

OCT
12

Celebrations - Snr. Kg

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Navratri Celebration

OCT
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Grandparents Day - Grade III A

OCT
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Hindi Kavita Pratiyogita





Inter School Team Chess Championship



Grade -1 & 2
at B. D. Somani International School
"Chess is played with the mind and not with the hands!"

The team members played in the Grade 2 category. It was a great experience and display of team spirit for the students.

They played 6 games each to a total of 24 points over two days. The last match was a nail-biting victory against Dhirubhai Ambani International School.

Team Members - Vivaan Verma, Krish Kapur, Aryan Parolia, Vivaan Goenka

We also had another Team at the tournament, achieving a commendable 10th placement. Johaan Jain, Parshwa Sanghvi, Mahira Jain, Param Birawat





BDSMUN 2018, Aug 31st- 2nd Sept

BDSMUN, Mumbai

The students from Grade 9 – 12 attended BDSMUN 2018, the MUN conference hosted by B.D. Somani International School, at Four Seasons Hotel, Mumbai from August 31st – 2nd September.

The Hill Spring delegates participated in Specialized committees as well as those in the General Assembly and ECOSOC. **Topics of debate included the political unrest in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Nuclear programme in Iran, the plight of the Rohingyas in Myanmar, the controversy regarding spy satellites, the actions of the Kremlin during the Cold War, and revisiting article 370 that recommended autonomy for Jammu and Kashmir.**

Chareet Shah and Divyam Agarwal of Grade 12, as well as the eleventh graders Siddh Mehta and Jash Parekh were invited to direct committees as Guest Chairs. We congratulate the entire delegation for the manner in which they engaged themselves in committee.



Three delegates (Maahin Jain, Yug Goradia and Raina Bhatia) were chosen for the night crisis, a special crisis committee which is reserved for the best delegates from every committee at the conference.

A special commendation must be made for the those who won accolades at the conference:

Tarvin Kaur Arora : Honorable mention (UNHRC)

Karan Vora : Outstanding delegate (UNHRC)

Parth Doshi : Outstanding delegate (UNHRC)

Maahin Jain : Honorable mention (UNOOSA)

Raina Talwar Bhatia : Honorable mention (The Kremlin)

Abhishek Avarsekar : Verbal commendation (The Kremlin)

Yug Goradia and Jash Shah : Best Delegates (UNSC)

Mahavir Doshi and Krish Maneklal : Honorable mention (UNSC)



Khadya Yatra - Grade 8



Khadya Yatra, Grade 7,8 &10

A Khadya Yatra was organized by Grades 7 & 8 in the School Cafeteria on August 22 and September 19, 2018 which included indigenous and foreign dishes – something to suit every palate! The main objective of the School Khadya Yatras is to build up a corpus which supports the School's ancillary staff and which is distributed on the auspicious occasion of Deepawali, thereby spreading happiness. The students and staff made it successful by joining with full enthusiasm.

Khadya yatra was held on 8th Aug by the students of grade 10. Keeping with the theme of Monsoon Madness, the students brought "steaming pakodas" along with hot ginger tea to go with it. There were other tasty treats like Maggie, Pav Vada, Bhel and the all time favourites cup cakes and pizzas which were snapped up within minutes.



Canteen Day - Grade 10



Janmashtami Celebrations



30th August 2018

PYP (Nursery to Grade 5)

The festival of Janmashtami to commemorate the birth of Lord Krishna was celebrated with gaiety and festive fervour. The children danced enthusiastically to the beats of popular Govinda music. The breaking of the dahi haandi was accompanied by a great deal of cheering and camaraderie.





To develop and hone oratorical skills, NSS Hillspring International School organised the High School Speech and Extempore Competition on 29th August during the assembly block. The competition generated a lot of buzz and attracted enthusiastic participation from the student body.

The competition was judged in two categories. Students from grades 9 and 10 participated in the original speech category whereas finalists from grades 11 & 12 went head in the Extempore category and spoke off the cuff on a given topic.

The competition was judged by Mrs. Nalini Pinto, Principal, along with Ms. Wilma Athaide IGCSE Coordinator and Ms. Sangita Doijode from the French



High School

Speech & Extempore Competition

faculty. The judges and the audience were engrossed by the pulsating, topical and thought-provoking speeches. After much deliberation, the following students were declared winners:

In the original speech category-

Consolation Prize : Sarah Lokhandwala (10 A) for her Speech titled- 'Depression'.

2nd runner up : Khooshi Mukhi (10 Alpha) for talking about 'Sensational Media'.

1st runner up : Aryan Shah (10 A) 'Being Gujju', the crowd favourite speech.

The winner was Parth Doshi (10 A) for his power packed ideas on 'Feminism'.

Extempore

Consolation Prize : Kushal Patel
Speech titled- 'My Idea of a Perfect Vacation'

2nd runner up : Simran Deshpande for her innovative take on 'Countries without Borders'.

1st runner up : Rushabh Shah's confident delivery of emulating a celebrity's lifestyle.

Sarah Affonso was declared as the winner in the extempore category for her sensitive and reflective thoughts on 'Indian-ness'.

Overall the finalists were able to wow the judges and audience alike with their original ideas and confident delivery.



Students Performance



Teacher's Day Celebrations

Dumb Charades, Foot Spa, Acapella, Karaoke... All in a day for Teacher's Day.

7th September, 2018. Cupcakes in their hands, nostalgic music playing in the background, students waiting in the wings to give the best performance of their lives.

The 30 students of the Student Council had waited in anticipation for the Teacher's Day celebrations - for the teachers of the Pre-Primary, PYP, IGCSE and IBDP sections to enter the Cafeteria so that they could be formally welcomed and appreciated. Weeks spent on preparation, rigorous selections

and tedious tech-rehearsals concluded with **grades 4-12 presenting a plethora of performances** which included skits, dances, acapella, musical bands and our very own Spring Productions. Furthermore, Dumb Charades, Taboo and a Karaoke Competition was organised on stage between the PYP, IGCSE and IBDP sections. While, the audience was filled with enthusiastic hoots and claps to encourage their performers, the IGCSE section emerged as winners. **Comperes Kushaal Patel, Rushabh Shah, Aryan Shah and Parth Doshi introduced the performances and brought life and humour to the stage.**



Applaud-worthy Assemblies



Core council members, Ritiika Avarrsekar, Divyam Agarwal, Khooshi Mukhi, Kushaal Patel and Anupriya Sakseria worked for endless hours to organise the event to perfection.

And the beautiful afternoon culminated with the Hill Spring teachers gathering at The Mayfair Banquets courtesy of the gracious Hill Spring Management for a sumptuous meal, which included karaoke sessions by peers, foot spas and ice candy as well as the early celebration of Mrs. Pinto's birthday with a cake-cutting ceremony.



Global Perspectives

Ms Alifiya Gadiwala - Guest Speaker conducted a session on Industries and factors of affect production with grade 8 on 29th August 2018. She brought in concepts from Economics and connected it to the



Geography unit. The students will be using the concepts learnt to set up their own industries in the next class.



Weather & Climate Activity



To understand the working and siting of weather instruments

The students of Grade 7 worked in groups to create working models of 4 weather instruments (thermometer, barometer, anemometer and rain gauge). They then visited different locations around the school, such as Poolside, Bio Lab and Amphitheatre, to evaluate which would be the best location for placing weather instruments in our school.





CAS Activity, Exhibition

The students of Grade 7 have been hard at work creating beautiful envelopes using waste paper. This initiative is in keeping with the school's theme of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. The envelopes will be on display during the CAS Exhibition





Campus University Visits



- McMaster University
- University of Guelph
- US Universities
- Bryant University
- Haverford College
- Vassar College
- Pomona College

23rd August
SAIC - School of the Art Institute of Chicago, USA

24th August
Sciences Po, France

27th August
Boston University, USA

31st August
Tulane University, USA
George Washington University, USA

4th September
Smith College, USA

5th September
KREA University

10th September
University of Southern California, USA

11th September
University of Saint Andrews, UK

24th September
School of Visual Arts, New York, USA

As part of its commitment to provide its students with a range of options for higher education and career guidance, Hill Spring International School organized visits by several universities from Canada, France and the United States offering diverse courses and programmes.

13th August
California Institute of Art, USA

Emily Carr University of Art and Design, Canada

College of Creative Studies, USA

16th August
University of British Columbia, Canada

20th August
Canadian Universities

Carleton University
University of Calgary
Dalhousie University



Pune Study Trip



The Hindi students of Grade 8,9 and 10 went on an educational trip to Pune on September 1 and 2, 2018.

They visited the 'Zoo', 'Joshi's Railway Museum' and the 'Go cheese factory'. They saw a variety of snakes and lot of animals. In "Joshis's Railway Museum" they learnt how a railway station is managed

and run by the railway authorities.

On Sunday September 2, 2018 they visited the "Go cheese factory" and learnt how different types of cheese are made and at what temperature it is preserved and packed.

It was a memorable trip. The aim was to speak in Hindi from the time they sat in the bus in Mumbai till the time they returned to Mumbai. The students thoroughly enjoyed the visit.





FM fever 104 Radio Station

12th September 2018 an educational tour was organized to hone language skills among the learners. They enthusiastically availed of the opportunity to communicate with the radio jockey on the topic 'Do you feel ashamed of conversing in Hindi at informal places?' They freely expressed their views on the same.

It was overwhelming for learners to play games with the jockey on the set.

Thereafter the learners were given an orientation about radio station by Ms. Hiral, director of radio station.

The Learners also got a first hand information regarding the working strategy of the radio station. They went live on air which was the most exciting and memorable moment for each one of them.





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