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Edition #1

# The Excel Chronicle

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

A headline. A story. An opinion.

Welcome to The Excel Chronicle!

Our school newspaper depicts the diversity of the students at EPS. From reports of events to tall tales, we have it all. Our very own journalism team reports news from all over the school.

Love the Fine Arts? We have a bit of everything. Emotions that have become too amplified to remain stagnant and have begun to grow spines have been moulded into short sweet poems.

Anecdotes and events from every corner and stories from our very own students find a place here.

Passion, love, sentiment, and hard work can be observed in the artwork contributed to us.

We at the Excel Chronicle hope you enjoy the first-ever edition of the school newspaper.

Happy Reading!!!

# ~ Headlines ~



**JUNE 6**

An orientation programme was conducted for class 11 before they began their new academic session.



**JUNE 25**

During an info talk by the ex-vice president of Samsung Mr. Deepak Bhardwaj, the students were inspired to follow their dreams with the examples he cited from his own experience

**JULY 4**



**JUNE 18**

\*An informative talk session by Mr. Vivek Trivedi inducted the students into Stock Market and Investing followed by a question and answer session clarifying all queries



\*The students of senior secondary classes elected their representatives for the Excelerate Club.

The elected members were sworn into their duties during a solemn function in the auditorium.

The badges for the office bearers were distributed on a later date.



**JULY 11**

The Restored, the music ensemble comprising Rohith V the vocalist, Abhishek Wesley the lead guitarist, Steve Sheen the Bassist and Steve Ashish the drummer, led by Mr. Micah - our music faculty, performed a few numbers in vogue, for the students of classes VIII-XII.

**Investiture Ceremony**  
The representatives of the Student Council were announced and entrusted to uphold the school's values and ethos.

**JULY 16**



**WADIYAR  
CENTRE FOR  
ARCHITECTURE  
MYSURU**

Students of class 12 were taken to WCFA for their open day function to know more about the scope in the field of architecture.

**'The Saga of a Braveheart'  
Documentary  
screening**

Lt. Col. Ajit Bhandarkar headed a mission in Fazalabad. He sacrificed his life for his country trying to guard his nation against terrorists. Col. Ajit was an epitome of discipline, leadership skills and integrity.

Against the backdrop of India celebrating Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav to mark the 75th year of Independence, a documentary 'The Saga of a Braveheart'- on his life- is being screened in 75 schools across India. Excel Public School was the first school where it was screened in Mysore.

**25 June**

**Skit by 10th Grade Hindi Students**



The Hindi students of grade 10 came together to perform several skits rendered in Hindi. They put forth several scenarios, enacting chapters they had learnt. Several moral values were conveyed through Munshi Premchand's renowned short story 'Mantr'. All the students of grade 10 met at the auditorium to enjoy this event hosted by their friends. The skits showcased the students' passion for dance and humour.

**28 JUNE**



## - Rage -

A baby is born  
Life has been formed  
Oh, what joy!  
Is joy the only feeling?  
Long lost in a human heart,  
Surges violence, sadness and rage,  
They capture every aspect and part  
Of the wars, one shall wage.  
It drives you mad, jealous and lost  
But fires your will to live the most.  
God help the human heart!  
Intoxicated by greed!  
Victims would curse on those who seed  
On misery and cheat (Curse them! Curse them!)  
Rage drives you through a corner  
At times, takes lives to transform you into a mourner  
Your rage may kill your family  
So beware my friends  
Rage may as well be your end!

Eshanvi class 10

When anyone says Earth  
We see infinite turquoise oceans  
Lush woods and brown dirt  
We see sunny sapphire skies  
Silver clouds and snowy ice caps  
Living such magnificent lies  
  
In truth we are driving to our own  
extinctions  
I've got no problem with us  
Planning our own executions  
But technically it's also murder  
Of everything around us  
Just another careless thought no one  
finds a burden  
  
Nevertheless evolution will still  
continue  
No matter what humans do  
But thought of the world we leave behind  
cuts me through and through  
When I contemplate the future this is  
what I see  
Even in death we'll still be strangling  
our home  
A desolate place lost of its former glory

Anonymous 4

# The Poetry Corner

Smile ahead.....dear one.  
The one I am, is one who smiles all  
days  
To others, happiness is all that it  
says  
And some are indeed that  
But others are dark lies that are  
thick and fat  
So thick that my life seems perfect  
But what others don't know is that at  
times I'm wrecked  
I smile when I'm sad so that tears  
don't flow  
I smile cuz most wouldn't care if I'm  
dim or I glow  
So when they don't care I put on my  
best act to look pretty  
Cuz I can catch their eyes in aww,  
rather than in careless pity  
That was the dark side of my smiles  
But most of the time the happiness  
behind them can stretch for miles  
My life is not perfect but I'm  
perfectly happy with my life  
So I smile for that and I smile for  
this  
And to my smiling, I will never quit.

Eshanvi class 10

# - Monthly Recap -

Students of Classes 5 and 6 were engaged in various interdisciplinary activities.

## FIELD TO FASHION FLOORS

The students of class 6 are working on a project called field to fashion floors where they would be learning how to make clothing. They work on the project every third and fourth Saturday. Last month they visited Chamundi Textiles Silks in Hootagalli where they learned the process of making yarn from silkworms.



## ENGAGING ENDEAVOURS

Students of class six have had a couple of interdisciplinary activities throughout the weeks like 'Manuscript Making' where they had to make manuscripts based on their history lessons. They staged role plays related to their English lessons and also made posters on account of World Environment Day.



## HANDS-ON LEARNING

Every third and fourth Saturday, class five students involve themselves in various extended learning activities. They used jodo straws and match sticks to understand the concepts of closed shapes, solved puzzles and verified Math concepts through paper folding activities. They had a Rebus-making activity where they search for words to represent pictures. On account of World Environment Day, they made posters on the theme "SAVE TIGERS".



JUNE 22

REDISCOVERING THE PAST

Archaeology has helped humans discover a great deal of our history. The students of Grade 7 are learning about the same on every working Saturday with the help of our K12 team.



JUNE 18

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

Students of Class 7 had a session on idioms and its importance, in daily usage, through application in stories.



BEST OUT OF WASTE

JULY 1

ATL

ATL in Excel Public School has now been reinitiated for the students of Classes 7 and 8. They have kicked off the proceedings by learning about Arduino Boards, Physical Computing and Drone Modelling.



Textbooks give us knowledge about farming but practically performing and seeing how it's done is an experience by itself. To learn farming, hands-on, the students of class 8 were taken on a field trip to Belvadi and Kyaythanahalli.

# The Curiosity Corner

'Millions saw the apple fall, but Newton asked why...'

-Bernard Baruch

Every morning, one would come into the campus with the hope for a bright new day. Teachers and students bustle through the corridors to get to their classes and meet colleagues and friends, greet each other with a smile. However, there is another silent stand-by, that is fixed to its place greeting the curious young minds who step in.

It stands by the corner with a new question each day and gathers people to ponder about the mystery of each question or riddle. Questions from Mathematics, English, Science, Social Studies and General Knowledge are displayed to arouse curiosity. Students and teachers alike, try to find solutions to these problems. Every day, during the breaks, students gather around this corner with their friends and actively work on finding the answers to the questions together. These instances stand to be a small marvel of teamwork, problem solving and cooperation. It might be the smallest incident but, these little things in life are what strengthen the bonds among peers.

So, come along to this corner and explore your minds for at least a minute or two because,

"With your curious mind,  
You try to find,  
The answers to these questions.  
The answers may be guesses,  
And some may teach you lessons  
But with every step,  
You reach further,  
Into your mind's own curiosity corner"

Eshanvi 10 C

## Book Review

Fish In A Tree

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Though every book tells a story, some stories make an impact on your life that forces you to think, and reconsider your perceptions.



Fish In A Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt is a poignant tale on loneliness, bullying and fitting into a social group. Starring Ally Nickerson, a girl with dyslexia, the book focuses on her relationships with her friends, teachers and family, and how she deals with not being able to read like the rest of her classmates. Ally has spent her entire life figuring ways to prevent anyone from finding out that she cannot read. Her world changes when her new teacher, Mr. Daniels, takes the time to understand her and tries to help her. She starts her new school year - anxious and lonely. Mr. Daniels helps her realise that she has dyslexia, a learning disorder which makes it difficult for people to read. This allows Ally to discover her strengths better and even make new friends, Keisha and Albert. Fish In A Tree was a great read and I would recommend it for teachers and students alike.

Sahas Mishra 12 C

# FINE ART CORNER



**Divijaa Arjun**

**XI A**



**Prisha Prakash**

**XI A**

**Gouthami A**

**XI C**





## CHIRP-CHIRP



On the 25th and 26th of July, the students of Class 3 identified birds with their sounds through an activity called "CHIRP-CHIRP".

They were divided into five groups.

First group - Largest wing span.

Second group - Fastest wing flapper.

Third group - Best vision

Fourth group - Stare the longest

Fifth group - Fastest runner

The students from each group depicted these features of birds and the best were recognized.

## GOOD BUDDIES

On the 19th and 21st of July, the students of Class 4 recognised the symbiotic relationship between organisms through an activity called "GOOD BUDDIES".

They were shown pictures of the stories from Panchatantra (The Lion and the Mouse, The Crocodile and the Monkey). The students actively interacted and discussed about the stories and its moral

## ISRO'S Human Flight Expo



By C B Swasna

Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium: 21st July

ISRO'S Human Flight Expo was a series of competitions and events conducted for students from grades 1 to 12. In the preliminary round, selection took place by lottery. Our school was selected among 1000s of other schools. The trip to The Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium in Bangalore on the 21st of July turned to be exciting with the students looking forward to the competition.

Upon arrival, the team consisting of C.B.Swarna of Class 10, Lakshmi of Class 9 and Chinmay of Class 7, attended their competition, 'Are you (W)Right'.

They were briefed upon the structures and certain mathematical theories they had to follow. Chittara, Vishruth, Aryan and Atharva attended the workshop 'What's in an Astronaut's bag?' While some attended the workshops and competitions, the rest explored the science park. All the concepts learnt in the classrooms found application in this park. The trip to the Planetarium was fun, educational and eventful.

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On 24th July, Arya Poovaiah and C B Swasna of Class 12, under the guidance of Mr Sumit Parida, participated in the 'Space Habitat Making' competition. Our students bagged various awards and they received them from the Indian astronaut, Mr Rakesh Sharma. The day came to an end with live lectures delivered by distinguished guests. It truly was a prestigious moment for the team and for Excel Public School.

From winning various awards to learning the most from our experience, the students had an action-packed weekend worth remembering.



## NCC - Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC) By Sukhi Kumaran

Mandakalli, Mysuru: 22nd June - July 1st

The NCC cadets of our school from the Senior Wing and Division, and Junior Wing and Division attended a 10-day camp at Mandakalli between 22nd June and 1st July 2022. Every year, these CATC camps are organised to teach cadets their responsibilities and develop their skills. They underwent physical and theoretical training and learned the basics of survival on their own.

The cadets were up as early as 4:30 every morning. They would begin their day with physical education and fitness exercises. After breakfast, cadets would practice their drills and march as a troop. Later, they would attend theory sessions where they were taught about India's struggle during war, Field Crafts and Battle Crafts,

leadership qualities, health and hygiene and other topics important for the development as a cadet. There was also time allocated for sports. Throw ball, Volleyball and Tug of War were some of the competitions organised for the cadets. In the evening, there would be a cultural programme where cadets could showcase their talents in music and dance. At the end of the camp, a grand cultural programme with the best performers was organised, followed by a DJ night marking the camp a joyful and successful one.

The camp taught cadets how to become responsible and active citizens of the country. A feeling of patriotism was instilled in each and every one of them. They became confident and disciplined individuals and learned how to take on any challenge. Nothing else can give you this kind of experience.

### Word of the Edition

Capricious: (Adjective)

Given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behaviour.

Synonym: Fickle

"Never trust a capricious person."

# An Interview with the Principal

Sohani 11B



It was such an enthralling experience for me, a new student, to interview our 'Principal who lives by principles'.

I am privileged to share the following excerpts of the interview.

1. Which critical thinking hat do you wear?  
"I wear the blue and yellow hat that signifies the planning, processing & organizing issues and looks on the positive aspects of situations respectively. "
2. If you could describe yourself as an effective school Principal in just three words, what would they be?  
"I feel the three words would be organized, systematic, and disciplined. However, it is important that these qualities in me are affirmed by my colleagues and students."
3. What is your philosophy of education?  
"I believe that education is a 'man-making' process which aims to make a human being - humane and not for the sole purpose of getting hired for a job."
4. Where do you see Excel Public School in the next five years?  
"I would like to see our school be more progressive, socially relevant and bear testimony for ethical and value-based education. It should also become a synonym for contemporary education."
5. India is said to have a great value system as agreed by us and the world but what do you think is the constraint that lags us behind as a developing nation?  
"There is a bankruptcy of quality leadership in all spears of public life, whether it is political, social or religious and this has certainly influenced the value perception of the current generation. Families too have minimal influence on the value system of the society, unlike how it was a few decades

back."

6.

In this scenario, I feel, for most, the age-old values and principles of life have become a mere fad.

If you hear gossip about yourself or the person whom you know about, and also know that the topic of gossip is false and unacceptable, do you ignore it or oppose it? If yes, how would you oppose it?

"I ignore it and move on with my job. People who gossip about others would continue to do so, no matter how you respond. More important is to be sure about your intentions behind your actions, and once that is done, just go ahead with your mission."

7.

If you think we can have a stirring change at Excel, to be the best of the rest, what would that be?

With a sense of humour, he said that the Principal himself should change because it has been a long tenure, but on a serious note he mentioned " I would be happy to better the facilities in the field of sports and games. And, the work is in progress".

8.

What are some qualities of a good educator?

Although his answer was short it carried a lot of meaning - "I believe a good educator must have a love for 'learning and learners', they should know the importance of learning."

9.

Do you feel that you miss something because you are the Principal or do you feel it would be better if you had been a student at Excel?

"No, I have never regretted being the Principal of Excel Public School and I have enjoyed every single of my life, in that capacity. I never had a chance to learn in such a good school, but I honestly do not regret that either. The school I went to was the best that my parents could afford and I have lots of good memories of my student life."

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Since you've been in the field of education for a long time now, what is one significant change that has happened, in the field that has benefitted you?

"I believe in 'humane schooling', where children find their true selves in a happy, caring and stimulating environment.

Children should love their school, their school-mates and the school environment. Learning would happen naturally in such a situation.

The New Education Policy is one of the best things, at least in principle, that has happened in Indian education. However, it is too early to predict the long-term outcomes of this wonderful policy document. It requires a lot of will and collective efforts to make it a reality"

I hope the above answers will inspire you as it inspired me after the interview.

## Special Assemblies

10 A

This class took upon a complex yet significant topic- POPULATION. 10 A clearly portrayed how population can be a boon as well as a curse.

10 B

July 25

The class assembly of 10B was performed commemorating Kargil Vijay Divas. They portrayed the lives of the soldiers and the series of events that took place in Kargil. Throughout the enactment, 10 B students coordinated incredibly well, engaging their audience.



June 6

A special assembly was presented by the students of class 12 on account of the Environment Day. The MC's, Nymish and Nehal, engaged the audience with "sofishticated" puns. A captivating poem was recited by Shambavi of class 12B.

## 10 C

Class 10 C enacted different scenarios based on Superstitions, Doctor's day and Asteroids Day.

They presented it humorously and kept the audience well-entertained throughout their performance.

## 10 E

Through their assembly ' The Good Old Days', 10E made their audience relive their past days at school before the pandemic had struck. Portraying different relatable scenarios which took place at school, the class did a great job at making everyone nostalgic.

## 10 D

Mental health is a significant matter in today's world. Class 10 D took the effort to break the common taboos of therapy and taking therapy sessions, encouraging the audience to think broadly regarding the matter of mental health.



## 11A

Class 11 A portrayed a very stirring assembly regarding the Civil Disobedience Movement. They staged the valour of the unsung freedom fighters during the freedom struggle.

## 6G

On the 15th of June 2022 , Class 6G students presented an assembly on the theme- World Prohibition Child Labour Day which is observed on 12th June every year.

## 6F

Class 6F conducted an assembly on 22 June, 2022.

The theme of this assembly was the importance of fathers in our life.

Thought for the day was shared by Yajath M. R.

Jaylalitha gave a speech on the important person of our life - Father. Students also presented a skit sharing the struggle of a father to keep his family happy.

## 5G

On 3rd August 2022, Class 5G students presented the

assembly on the theme-Indian Freedom Struggle. The students spoke about the rich and varied

heritage and the glory of India and how it was lost due to the British rule.

The students staged the Jallianwala Bagh

Massacre and the Quit India Movement which were the turning points for the Indian Freedom Struggle.

## 6E

On 29 June, 2022, class 6E students conducted their assembly on the theme- Importance of Music in Our Life. The assembly included News headlines for the week read by Aanya Kamath and thoughts for the day by Kanishka. Adruth gave a speech about Importance of Music in Our Life.

## 6D

Class 6D conducted an assembly on 06 July, 2022. The theme commemorated Doctor's Day.

The Pledge was administered by Vibhin H Prasad and the thought for the day was presented by Anup Savanoor. Pranith P delivered an impressive speech on importance of celebrating Doctor's Day.

## 6C

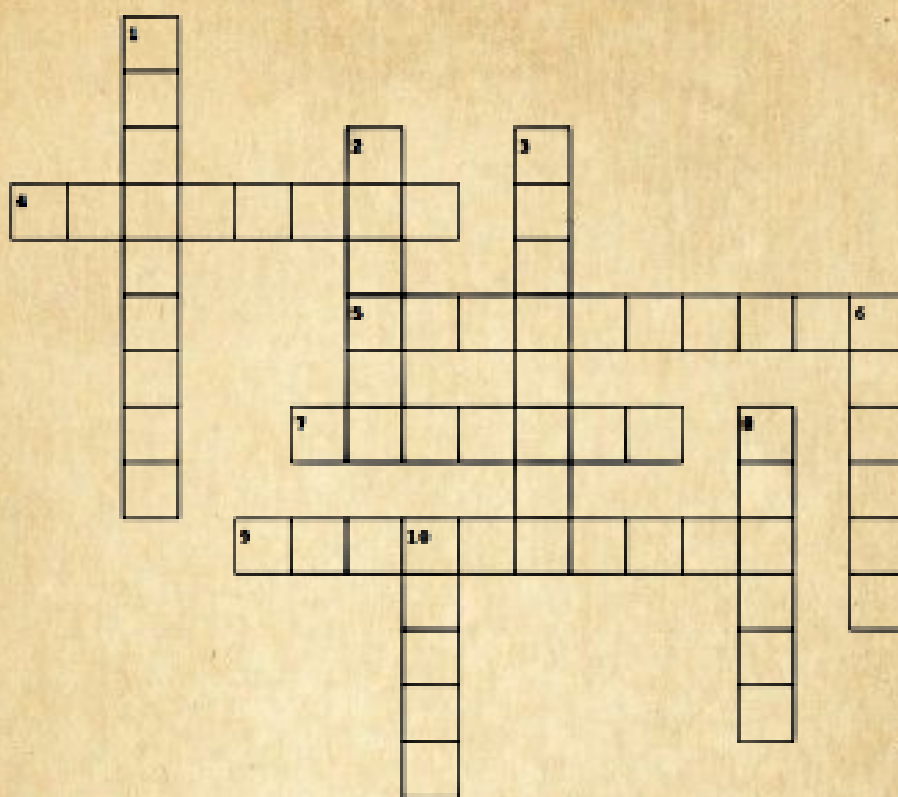
Class 6C conducted an assembly observing the International Tiger Day on 13 July ,2022.

The students presented a wonderful skit on 'Save Forests and Protect Tigers'. Avantika Manoj and Akshatha gave a very enlightening speech on the importance of celebrating International Tiger Day.

## 6B

On 20 July 2022, Class 6B students conducted the assembly on the theme-Hard Work and Dedication. The theme's inspiration was Arunima Sinha, the first female amputee to scale Mt.

## CROSSWORD



### Across

4. I am a hypothetical tunnel, a shortcut if you will, of space-time which connects far away regions. What am I?
5. The name of the cell which has a well-defined nucleus
7. Hydrogen, Beryllium, Fluorine, Sulfur, Manganese, Krypton, Indium, Gadolinium, and Thallium? What's next in the sequence?
9. The science that addresses the production and effects of very low temperatures.

### Down

1. A pleasant smell that accompanies the first rain after a long period of warm, dry weather.
2. A variant form of a gene.
3. The rarest naturally occurring element in the earth's crust.
6. The type of lens which diverges a beam of parallel rays of light.
8. The SI unit of pressure.
10. What does a lightning strike produce that there is a characteristic smell after lightning storms?