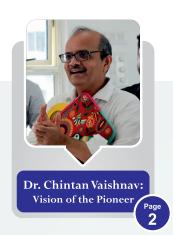
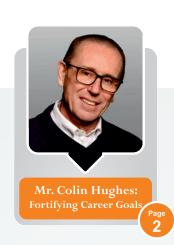


### Excel Glitterati









### "From the Principal's Desk"



"No matter how hard the past is, you can always begin again." — Buddha

The two academic years that preceded the current year posed great challenges and created unparalleled uncertainties. Educational scenarios witnessed dramatic changes, resulting in digital platforms replacing physical classrooms. With this sudden shift came 'the great learning crisis' that took a while to settle down. While e-learning could

ensure, to a limited extent, at least, the continuum of learning, it deprived the learners, the experience of 'schooling', that used to enrich them with varied and diverse experiences, both inside and outside the classrooms. The school buildings wore a weary look, with its 'soul' lost, and wanting to breathe the air of its existence again... The teaching fraternity had a tough battle to wage, with all the might they could, but then, every calamity brings with it new realisations and new realities. School campuses have returned to normal life, at least for now. While the learning gap caused by the pandemic is evident, we need to help our students 'learn, unlearn and relearn'. Though it may not be as easy as it seems, it is not impossible, is what we believe. Though what our learners lost in the last two years is irrevocable and irreversible, we need to get them back to their 'learning track'. This edition of the Excelsior, being published after a gap of two academic years, gives our esteemed readers a glimpse of life at EPS during the past few months. It is a reflection of the commitment, passion and rigour of the school community to give our learners the best. A result of our resolve to 'begin again'!

Happy reading...

Mathew K G Principal

### **Editor Writes...**

And then there was light!

Yes, the reverberating corridors, the teacher-student synergy, the hustle during the sports activities and the buzz during the lunch breaks are so much welcome.

The majestic campus of Excel Public School resonates as paradise has been regained. This newsletter reflects the integration of expressions, endeavours, enterprises and exaltations at EPS.



In today's world, today's scenario, above all, comes hope. In our school, we hope to see a culture of dialogue and forbearance among our students. We agree that tolerance is the only real test of civilization. School activities imbibe a spirit of acceptance and tolerance among our student community. These events and programmes shape our students as active architects in various social innovations and diversity. We, as educators, strive to guide them in the pursuit of harmony in global citizenship. Let us choose to be a positive influence on others.

We welcome you to this newsletter-your newsletter!

Till we meet again, enjoy reading!

Thank you.

Reshmi Kali

### Vision of the Pioneer

Dr. Chintan Vaishnav, Mission Director, Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, honoured us with his gracious presence. Dr. Vaishnav and his team visited the Atal Tinkering Lab of our school and interacted with students and their mentors from Excelsoft Technologies, the ATL in-charge Ms. Jyoti Joseph and the ATL teachers. Students gained valuable insights into science and innovation from Dr. Chintan Vaishnav.







### Fortifying Career Goals





Mr. Colin Hughes, former Managing Director of Collins Learning of Harper Collins, presently the CEO of AQA, an independent education charity providing high-quality assessments, visited the campus along with our School Correspondent Mr. H M Prashanth. During his hour-long interaction with the students of the senior secondary classes, he highlighted the need and importance of developing the metacognition of learning how to learn. He addressed us on the advancement in the field of Neuroscience and the growing career possibilities that came with it. Mr. Hughes encouraged the students to consider all opportunities and develop skills that will be beneficial at every stage of their careers.

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Innovation Centre @ Eps

With the vision of 'Empowering young minds towards a progressive and humane society', the Innovation Centre of our school has been promoting critical thinking, creative thinking, and problem solving abilities in our students. These projects have aided our students to work for the society and community around them.







Entrepreneurial ventures maximise production by bringing innovation to every aspect of the business. Our school supports several student entrepreneurial projects in line with this vision.

EYE 3.0 (Excel Young Entrepreneur) and NEST 2.0 (Nurturing Entrepreneurship among Students and Teachers) programmes were inaugurated by our School Correspondent Mr. H M Prashanth, our Principal Mr. Mathew K G and the Regional Mentor of Change and Innovation Evangelist for Excelsoft Technologies, Mr. Srinath Birur.

### Projects on Climate Change

Climate changes impact every aspect of human life. Social justice and climate change connections must be taught to students to make the earth a better place for future generations.

Students of class 12, in collaboration with the K-12 team, took a step forward to raise awareness about the causes and consequences of climate changes.

The historical, scientific and geographical perspectives were analysed and presented during a panel discussion.





Sustainable Agriventure initiative allowed the class 10 students to have hands-on experience in agriculture and assess the impact of climate change on agriculture.



### ATL Sessions

ATL in-house sessions were introduced to the students of classes 6-8 to develop an ecosystem that promotes innovation and creates a place where young minds can learn skills and sculpt ideas.

Students of classes 9 and 10 work on Robotics, 3-D Printing and explore the world of space with the Astronomy club.

The ATL Marathon is a nationwide innovation challenge where schools identify community problems under different categories and develop innovative solutions in the form of operating prototypes. Over 56 innovation projects were submitted under Health and Nutrition, Education, Energy and Transport and Social Inclusion. Projects of 19 teams from our school are among the top 350 teams selected from across the country.









### Academic Accomplishments

We, with great pride, extol the batch of 2021-22 for the impressive results in the CBSE examinations. The EPS family lauds Manas Kudlapur Rakesh for his outstanding performance with an All India Rank of 226 in the NEET. He has joined the prestigious JIPMER for a career in medicine. Ankit Aneesh, who made the school proud by being ranked 83rd in the CLAT, has joined the prestigious NLSU, Bangalore.







### Student Council Investiture 2022 -23

The Student Council of the academic year 2022-23 was inducted on 4 July 2022. On this occasion, the Chief Guest Col. R R Menon-Group Commander, HQ, NCC Group, Mysuru, the Guest of Honour Col. Manish Prasad Singh-Commanding Officer, 14

KAR Battalion, NCC Mysuru, the School Correspondent Mr. H M Prashanth, the Principal Mr. Mathew K G and the Administrative Officer Col. Chetan B N - were escorted to the venue by the NCC cadets, the contingent of Student Council members and the House Mentors. In his address, Col. Menon advised students to consider failures as learning experiences. The Head Girl, Koravanda Nehal Chinnappa, vowed to persevere as an empathetic and democratic leader, in her acceptance speech. The Head Boy, Shreyas Ramesh Kollur, acknowledged the responsibility and was thankful for the opportunities entrusted by the school.





Our school offers a variety of programmes to assist our learners in identifying their aptitudes, fostering interests, and focussing on the right career path.

Through invited talks, experts in various fields provide our learners a realistic understanding of information that guide them towards their goals.

### Inspired To Persevere

The former Vice President of Samsung, Mr. Deepak Bharadwaj, left a significant impact on the students of the senior secondary classes through his motivational address. Anecdotes from Mr. Deepak's life on how challenges did not stop him from persevering, inspired our students.



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### Scaling The Stocks

The students of the senior secondary section received an opportunity to gain comprehensive knowledge in Stock Marketing and Trading during an interactive session with Mr. Vivek Trivedi, the founder of Investment Funda, which assists clientele regarding the oscillations in the stock market. Mr. Trivedi guided students to be wary about the risks in the field and spoke of various ways to reduce them.

### Guiding the Juniors

Ms. Inchara Athreya, a former student of our school, pursuing her graduation in Psychology at the University of Warwick in the UK, addressed the students of classes 11 and 12 as a part of the Alumni Talks. Ms. Inchara guided our young learners on how to choose a stream of interest and apply for admission to foreign universities.



### Bunka-Teki Keimo

Ms. Nariko Sunaga, one of our parents, was invited to talk to the students of class 7 about Japanese culture, traditions, customs and philosophy. She also spoke about the Indo-Japanese bilateral ties in detail.



### Aptitude Orientation



Students of the senior secondary classes, and their parents attended a session by Ms. Baktawar Krishnan, an international education specialist from INSPIRUS, Mumbai. Ms. Krishnan gave insights into preparing for SAT, GRE, GMAT and other standardised tests. This session allowed students to identify their aptitudes, interests, career aspirations, and career goals.

### Career Pathways

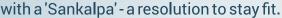
Ashoka University, Gurgaon, held an online career counselling session for the students of class 12. Tushita Jolly, the Deputy Manager of the team, addressed the students on the 'New Age Careers' in Liberal Education.



Our students involve themselves in various activities related to salient dates on the School, National and International calendars to accentuate their significance.

### Hassles at Bay With Yoga Day

The observance of the Eighth International Yoga Day appreciated the ancient practice that builds mental and physical strength. After a brief introduction by our School Correspondent Mr. H M Prashanth, different asanas or poses were performed by our students and teachers, abiding by the international protocol. The atmosphere reverberated with the silence of meditation and later the 'Omkara'. The workout ended











### Aesthetic Mathematics

Tutorials through entertainment encourage better comprehension. The significance of the play Leelavathy from Siddhanta Shiromani, one of the acclaimed mathematical works of Bhaskaracharya, was made clear when it was staged in our school by the Kalasuruchi. The famed play was dramatised by Mr. Shashidhar Dongre and directed by Prof. H S Umesh, a former educator.





### Portrait of Patriotism







The 75th Independence Day dawned in Excel Public School with the two platoons (SD/SW & JD/JW) of the NCC unit displaying their ceremonial drill. Our Principal, Mr. Mathew K G, hoisted the national flag.

The Chief Guest for the commemoration of the occasion to an audience of students, parents and teachers, was Professor K B Prabhuprasad, the former Principal of Maharani's Science College, who had witnessed the days of non-violence under the leadership of Gandhiji and the days of Independence. After hoisting the flag, the nonagenarian Professor reminded the audience to be grateful to the martyrs who had sacrificed their lives and to respect the vigilant Indian Armed Forces and the Border Security forces. He administered an integrity pledge encouraging students to be responsible.

Our Principal Mr. Mathew K G, during his speech, recalled the efforts of the martyrs and heroes of the Independence struggle. He urged the gathering to uphold the integrity towards the nation and fortify unity among all.

The speech delivered by Gayatri M of class 8, inspired the youth to carry forward the legacy of the freedom fighters.

During the National Integration March, students attired as the freedom fighters joined their respective Houses with inspiring slogans and placards. Our teachers, parents and alumni merged with the rally led by the NCC cadets.

Later in the day, teachers staged a skit highlighting the need to respect the elderly. Patriotic songs, Patriotic Group dances, Rangoli, Declamation, and Painting without Brush were a few House wise competitions organised by the Independence Day committee. A class-wise community feast drew the celebration of the day to an end.







## Prime Moments

### Gratitude to Gurus







We observed Teachers' Day with respect, jubilation and great enthusiasm. The Principal, Vice Principal, Headmaster and Headmistresses commenced the celebration with a floral tribute to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the academic, philosopher, statesman and the second President of India. In a splendid cultural extravaganza, the students enthralled the audience.

Dr. Amritha, an eminent paediatrician and a former student of our Principal, Mr. Mathew KG, was the chief guest of the programme.

'Be The Change' was the theme of the Teacher's Day programme. The enthusiastic and passionate parent community took the initiative of taking up the role of teachers and interacted with students engaging them in meaningful, fun-filled and relevant activities.

Our School Secretary Mr. D Sudhanva graced the solemn occasion, in the evening, as the chief guest. A few teachers shared their experiences of being members of the vibrant EPS family. During the weeklong Teachers' Day celebration, teachers participated in several individual and group competitions showcasing their talents.













### The Youth Wing of The Indian Armed Forces

NCC, the youth development movement of our school, continued its successful and rewarding march through the second year of initiation.

### Recruitment

A recruitment drive was organised by the Senior Division Wing and Junior Division Wing to induct cadets into NCC. The Commanding Officer of 14 KAR BN NCC, Col. Manish Prasad Singh, headed the recruitment programme that tested the mental and physical fitness of the newly joined students.













Sergeant Savi Kiran Holla and CPL. Deeksha V, participated in the Inter Directorate Sports Shooting Competition (IDSSC) held in Chandigarh.



Cadets JUO Aditi S G, CPL Samanvita C B and CDT Deepali, were selected to participate in the TSC II/IGC (Tal Sainik Camp) in Mangalore. The camp developed the shooting and leadership qualities of the cadets.

CPL. Deepali P and Sgt. Samanvita C V were selected to represent Karnataka and Goa Directorate at New Delhi.

### **Activities**

On World Environment day, 14 KAR BN NCC and the NCC cadets gifted saplings to the school to nurture nature.



### **Obeisance to a Braveheart**

The NCC unit of the school officiated the screening of 'The Saga of a Braveheart' against the backdrop of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav to mark the 75th year of India's Independence. The documentary film, based on a book by Ms. Shakuntala A Bhandarkar, depicts the valour of her late husband, Col. Ajit A Bhandarkar Shourya chakra, who attained martyrdom in Jammu and Kashmir. Lt. Col. Kini, Col. Manish Prasad Singh, and Ms. Maya Chandra, the director, joined the audience during its screening.





### Eco club

Eco club promotes the participation of our students in learning about the environment and creating awareness of biodiversity conservation. It also offers various programmes to reduce pollution and appreciate pristine nature.

### Induction

Dr. Malini Priya IFS, the Chief Conservator of Forest, Mysore inducted the school 'Eco Club'. Janani of class 9, in her speech, urged all to take care of climate change. Dr. Malini Priya encouraged students to join the forest service in order to contribute to the protection and sustainable management of natural resources throughout the country.



A cultural programme of dance and a group song portrayed the importance of safeguarding the environment. The club has been invited to visit Bandipur by Dr. Malini Priya. A sapling was planted to celebrate this joyous occasion.





### Celebration in Green

Observing World Environment Day, class 12 students conducted a special assembly spreading awareness of the catastrophic effects of human intrusion on nature. To recognise the vegetation around, class 12 students labelled the flora within the school campus.

### Genetics Magnetics

The Science Department commemorated International Mendel's Day (July 20), the birthday of the father of Genetics, Gregor Johann Mendel. An informative symposium marked the 200th birth anniversary of the great biologist. Vivek H P of class 12 enlightened the audience with the efforts and achievements of Mendel.





### Valuing The Nature

An Eco Club expert session was held by Mr. Darshan C, an entrepreneur of Jagruthtech Pvt. Ltd. which converts plastic waste into pavement blocks and furniture. Recyclable and non-recyclable plastics and their uses were the pertinent topics discussed during the session. Students were sensitised to be responsible and to contribute to reducing their carbon footprint.

A club exclusively run by the students of the senior secondary classes, Excelerate, demonstrates a keen interest in enhancing the students' talents.

### Induction

Senior secondary students exercised their voting rights during the Excelerate Club elections.

This election process gave the students a firsthand experience of filing in the nomination, campaigning with posters and casting their votes.

The elected members of the Excelerate Club were sworn into their duties in a solemn function.



### War of Words



The maiden event of the Excelerate Club, a debate on Conservation versus Desertion for the students of the senior secondary classes, was conducted on whether the planet must be preserved for habitation or abandoned to seek greener pastures in the unfathomable cosmos. Arya Poovaiah of Class 12 was adjudged the winner of the debate competition.

### Vibrance In Virtuosity

In Excel's Got Talent, senior secondary students and teachers showcased their aesthetic flair. We sang joyful tunes, strummed instruments, and nimbly twirled various dance performances as we progressed through the joyous programme.









### Digital Designing







12 teams of students from the senior secondary section participated in a Logo Design Hackathon event where they had to design a logo based on the objectives of the CoE (Centre of Excellence).

### The Herald of EPS

The Excel Chronicle is an initiative by the students of the senior secondary section under the aegis of the Excelerate Club to publish an in-house newspaper reporting the school events to the Excel family. Student journalists capture the events related to school, while the editors, designers and critics collaborate to keep the entire school informed about the various events.



In addition to the theory classes and practical sessions on campus, students receive chances to explore the concepts they learn through several field trips.

### Agro Grounding

The abstract notions and hearsay on farming turned into a reality and became experiential for the students of class 8 during a field trip to the farms at Belavadi. Students had the opportunity to interact with the farmers and were acquainted with irrigation, investment-profit-market and common problems faced by the farmers.



### Prospects in Architecture





An opportunity to visit the live forum and the building sites during a field trip to the Wadiyar Centre for Architecture provided students of class 12 an insight into a career in architecture.

### Perfecting Transaction Skills

The students of the senior secondary classes of the commerce section visited the Nexus Mall, Mysore, to study and learn diverse goals in business, promotional strategies and billing systems.



### Artistic Ingenuity

The ITM Institute of Design and Media, Mumbai, in association with the Manchester Metropolitan University, organised a five-day online workshop for the students of the senior secondary section, focussing on various disciplines like fashion designing, animation and VFX.



### A Visit to the CFTRI

The students of class 11 attended an open day programme organised by the Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysore, on innovations in upcoming food technology and food hygiene.







Recognising each individual as an embodiment of talent, innovative class-level activities are conducted across the curriculum empowering students to achieve success.





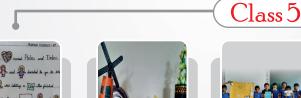
Class 4





### Azadi Ka Amrith Mahotsav- 'FREEDOM QUIZ'







Mask the Task









Class 6











### Class 7



### Music Ebullience

The Restored, the music ensemble. performed a few numbers for the students of classes 10-12. Rohith V. Abhishek Wesley, Steve Sheen and Steve Ashish, led by Mr Micah - our music faculty enthralled the gathering.



### Class 8





### (Class 10) Class 9







### Reading Reflections

The Writers' Club members meet during 'Reading Reflections' to discuss and appreciate various literary texts.

### Recreational Tutelage

Our school has initiated a curiosity corner and a recreational zone which promotes knowledge through daily contests and satiates their quest for additional information.





### Hindi Hub

Six of our students were appreciated for their creative expressions in Hindi, wherein their imagination flared in the form of short stories.

Students of class 9 staged a few skits in Hindi on the themes related to education and equality.



Story of Success -life of the honourable President Ms. Droupadi Murmu.





Life lessons: Do not be **Judgemental** 

### Assembly Motifs

The thematic class assemblies are sources of sharing information and displaying the talents of our learners. The commemoration of important days and the relevance of values are promulgated through these assembly programmes.



Our students brought home laurels as testimonies of their abilities, practice, confidence and achievements at various competitions.



Gaurav D of class 9 and Krishang of class 8 represented their team, Vijaynagar FC, Mysore, in the U-15 category of AFCAI Youth Cup 2022 at Minerva Academy Football Club, Punjab. With superb tackles, strategies, and defensive moves, the team earned the spot as the winner.

Pavani Mutalik Desai of class 6 set a record in completing the highest number of 'Parivrutha Upavishtakonasana' twists in a minute. She exhibited her flexibility in yoga with perfect postures and balance at the Vivekananda Yoga Education, Mysore and obtained a mention in the Golden Book of World Records.





Aryan Kini of class 8 received a significant opportunity of presenting a model on a Vertical Axis Wind Turbine at the BIEC (Bangalore International Exhibition Centre) organised by the DIDAC - the largest Ed-Tech event. Aryan's model was one of the twelve models chosen from around 10,000 ATL labs across the country.

Naman Chopra from class 11 secured the fourth position in the 'E- Cell' - a student-run entrepreneurship-promoting body of the Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai. The young entrepreneurs' competition was organised by IIT Guwahati in collaboration with Clever Harvey organisation. Our school has been honoured as the Hub of Innovation for supporting and mentoring young entrepreneurs.



### Management Fest

The Commerce batch of senior secondary students participated in the 'Deplomat' organised by De Paul College. Angelina Prabhu and Aarush Achar were the winners of the event - Office Space - HR. K Nehal Chinnappa and Chintan Jain were declared the winners of Wall Street-Finance.



### **MUN** Acumen



Twenty-one students of the senior secondary classes won accolades galore at the DM-MUN 2022 organised by Delhi Public School and brought home the Best Delegation Trophy, Honourable Delegate Trophies and citations for their erudite dialogues and position papers. This simulation allowed our students to learn about diplomacy, the proceedings of the UN, and contemporary international issues.

### Scientific Revelation

Students from classes 3 to 12 attended workshops and participated in various competitions at the 'Human Flight Expo' conducted by ISRO at the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium in Bangalore. C B Swarna of class 10, Lakshmi of class 9 and Chinmay of class 7, built an operational aircraft and won the first prize in 'Are you (W) Right?'. Mr. Rakesh Sharma, the eminent Indian astronomer, honoured them for the achievement.



### Acing the Ultimatum



Sixty students from secondary and the senior secondary sections participated in the Ultimatum 2022 — a series of online competitions organised by NAFL to prove their mettle in the field of real-world frontiers. Harsh and Gaghann of class 12 won the 'The Grand IPL Auction' while Prem Thakur and Aswanth V of Class 12 were the runners-up.

### Super Soccer

Team EPS, led by captain Trishanth Kumar, qualified for the semi-final match in the Inter-School 'Freedom Cup' football tournament organised by Delhi Public School. Advay Suvarna of class 10 won the Best Goalkeeper Award of the Tournament.



### Triumph of Throwball

Our Girls' Team from classes 9 and 10 won the championship trophy in the Inter-school Throw Ball Match conducted by Lions School, Mysore. Srilakshmi and Hima Poorvi of class 10 won cash prizes for securing the Best Player Awards.



### Festivities

Gowri Ganesha and Onam festivals were celebrated on the campus upholding the rich culture and vivid heritage of India. Students from classes 7 and 8 attended the Ganesha Idol-Making workshop initiated by the Art Department and created beautiful clayidols.







### A Visual Travelogue

An educational tour facilitated the students of class 12 to garner the significance of the state and relish nature's bounty as they traversed the Pearl of the Orient - Goa. The students shared warm camaraderie during the rejuvenating trip.





# Our teach new strate Ms. Chitra expertise Construct The faculty Dr. Rajago New Delhi, The School

Our teachers participated in a series of professional development programmes to apply new strategies concerning the curriculum and other aspects of teaching practices.

Ms. Chitra Uttaiah, Head, Learning Design, Excelsoft Technologies Pvt. Ltd., enriched the expertise of the teaching faculty on topics like Constructivism, Multiple Intelligence, Constructivist Pedagogy and Bloom's Taxonomy.













The faculty of the Department of English attended a workshop on Teaching - Learning by Dr. Rajagopal [Retd.] Central Institute of English, Hyderabad. Dr. V S Ravindran and ICRTC, New Delhi, facilitated the PG Diploma Programme Modules on Guidance and Counselling. The School Development Plan [Strategies and Action Plan] was carried forward by Mr. H M Prashanth, Corporate Strategy Head, Excelsoft Technologies Pvt. Ltd.