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Ever Upward

Congratulations!!!

Excel Public School has been ranked #1 in Mysore City, # 14 in the State of Karnataka and # 87 at All India level in a recently conducted Education World India School Ranking 2017-18 (www.educationworld.in). This survey, conducted by the Education World, in association with the Delhi based market research and opinion poll company 'C-fore', has rated the top 1000 Schools of India on 14 parameters of educational excellence. This envious achievement comes as a recognition for the selfless and tireless efforts that the EPS community has been initiating to 'make a difference', in the way children learn and they are helped to learn. Kudos to Team EPS!

Upcoming Events

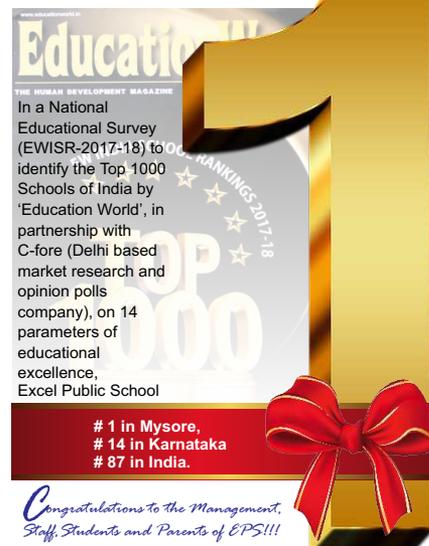
- YearBook Release with new Tech Features
- Kannada Rajyotsava Celebrations
- Children's Day Celebration
- Kid's Carnival
- Sports day

Reasons to Cheer and Miles to go...

A pioneering effort to redefine the teaching learning equation through newer perspective in EPS has reaped rich dividends. The results of the recent National Educational Survey by Education World (www.education world .com) bears testimony to wider acceptance and acclaim and firmly places Excel Public School in the 'numero uno' position amongst schools in Mysore.

In lieu of this significant recognition, I congratulate all the stakeholders, students, parents and staff of the school for this feat. Immense gratitude is due, to the promoters of EPS, Excel Education & E-Learning Trust for their vision and commitment to the cause of education, and because of whom EPS is now synonymous with quality contemporary education.

Four eventful months of the current academic year have passed by and our teachers and students have been diligently



striving to explore and experience deeper vistas, enabling 'making sense' of things learnt and taking it 'beyond textbooks and class rooms'.

The following pages give you a glimpse of 'Life @ EPS' that unfurled during this period. Robert Frost's poem reads," The woods are lovely, dark and deep. But I have promises to keep, And miles to go before I sleep." We are committed to offering our students the best they deserve, all through tireless quest and passion for taking learning beyond schooling strictures.

This is the promise we shall keep!

Mathew K G
Principal



Highlights of Class 10 Results (AISSE-2016-17)

The Perfect Scorers



Adithya Hegde



Ankita M Thakur



Bindu P



Krishaa Ravishankar



Eshaan Bagaria



Kavya Maria Joy



Natasha Somayya



Pradhan A Kumar



Prithve Kiran Shekar



Raghav T Kesari



Sachin J A



Sandeep Rao



Sarika J A



Trishala V S

Keeping up the tradition set by their predecessors, the Fourth Batch of outgoing students came out in flying colors, upon the announcement of Class 10 Results. Of the 48 students who appeared for the Board Examination, 14 secured 10 CGPA (Cumulative Grade Point Average), 8 between 9.0 to 9.8 CGPA, 16 between 8.0 to 8.8 CGPA and 10 students securing below 8 CGPA. The EPS Family takes pride in the marvelous achievements by the students and congratulates them, the parents and the staff.

The Achievements



Mathew K G

Mr Mathew K G, our Principal, was honored with 'Shikshana Sadhana Puraskar- 2017' by JCI Mysore Success World and JCI Mysore Brindavan, on the occasion of the Teachers' Day. The award was in recognition of his remarkable service in the field of education.



Jayanthi M N

Mrs Jayanthi M N, our Kannada teacher was awarded the Shikshana Ratna Award for the year 2017 by NMP Academy on the 10th of September for her contribution in the field of teaching. With an experience of 14 years, she is a deserving awardee.

Creating a 'raquet'!

Mustafa M Raja, a celebrated name in sports news, has been awarded the scholarship from Rick Macci Tennis Academy, Florida, US for a month-long training program. He will be trained by professionals who honed the skills of grand slam winners-the William Sisters, Maria Sharapova, Andy Roddick and so on.



EPS congratulates and wishes him the very best!

Researchers in Junior Academy, New York Academy of Sciences



Ananya Ramaprasad
10 A



Saman Mallikarjun S
10 B



Pratham H P
10 B



Palgun N P
10 C



Ashwin J B
9 C



Prithve Kiran Shekar
Class 11



Sandeep A Rao
Class 11



Adithya Hegde
Class 11



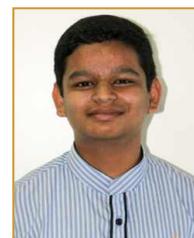
Raghav T Kesari
Class 11



Akash Hegde
Class 11



P Dhanush Adithyan
Class 11



Samyak A Bharthur
Class 11

Excel Public School proudly announces the names of the students who are members of the Junior Academy Program 2017-18. These students are invited to participate in a set of innovation challenges that arm them with skills to effectively develop research-driven solutions to global problems, collaborating with peers around the world.

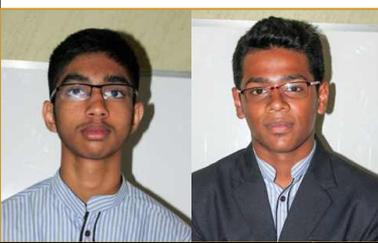
Hip, Hip, Hooray!

EPS has won the first prize for the third consecutive year in the Dasara Flower Show 2017 for the best-maintained lawn. The excellent landscaping in EPS is a treat to the eyes. Three cheers to the dedication and commitment of the school's campus maintenance team that worked tirelessly to create an expansive and immaculate garden.



Sky is the Limit!

The world is too small a place to explore. All India Asteroid Search Campaign is a unique and exclusive International platform created by SPACE for Indian students and amateur astronomers across India. The selected students will be specially trained to search asteroids in the Main Belt Asteroid through advanced data analysis and especially designed software. Our students Joel S Mathew and Vishal R have been shortlisted in phase 2 of the AIASC 2017 program.



Joel S Mathew and Vishal R

Feathers in our Cap

Mustafa M Raja of Class 5B



Winner in Manasarovar Pushkarni Cup in the National Ranking Tennis Talent Series U-12 Tennis Tournament held in April 2017.

Winner in the Boys U-14 doubles at Trivandrum Tennis Club AITA Talent Series Tennis Tournament 2017 held in May 2017.

Winner in the Boys U-12 doubles at All Assam Tennis Association Complex, Guwahati under OIL-AITA super series Tennis Championship 2017 held in July 2017.

Winner in the Boys U-10 category in the Nakshatra Upscale ANT Academy AITA U-10 Tennis Tournament conducted at ANT Academy, Bengaluru held in August 2017.

Sandeep A Rao of Class 11



First at the International Level of the 7th SOF International English Olympiad for the year 2016-17.

Nihar D Shadli of Class 7C



Third prize in the individual Kata U-12 category at the 2nd National Level Open Karate Championship 2017 held at Bengaluru by Leo Martial Arts.

Pritham S Rao of Class 4B



First Place in the U-9 Boys category when he participated in the Late Prof. S K Ananda Thirtha Memorial All India FIDE Rating Rapid Chess Tournament 2017 held at Mysore.

Chaitanya Ganesh of Class 9C



First place in both Under-14 category in the 7th BRDCA and 6th BRDCA below 1600 ELO Rating Category in Chess. Third place in both under-15 in Candor International Rated tournament and Karnataka State Open FIDE in under-14 category.

Adithya Hegde and Eshaan Bagaria of Class 11



Winners at Conquistador Quiz (Mysore Round) organised by the PES University in July 2017.

Prithve K Shekar and Pradhan A Kumar of Class 11



Runners-Up title holders at the PES Quiz Competition 2017.

Prithve K Shekar and Sandeep A Rao of Class 11



Toppers at District level round of Rural IT Quiz organised by TCS on September 22nd propelling them to the Zonal level.

Spoorthy S Rao of Class 10 C



Best Debater in the 'Face off' Interschool Debate competition organised by The Orchids Public School and PU College, Mysuru.

Genesis

Like the saying, 'Work Well Begun is Half Done', the teachers of the EPS family initiated the new academic year by honing their professional skills through an intensive Professional Training Programme conducted by Ms Jayasree Ganesan and her team of i-Beam Academy. Renowned resource personnel Dr Leena Pascal, Ms Hemaltha and Ms Chitra Uthaya of ExcelSoft conducted workshops that included effective planning and engaging practices, fine tuning facilitation and imbibing modern educational practices which is the need of the hour - thus ensuring that the students of Excel Public School have a wonderful year of fruitful learning in a conducive environment at the hands of experienced professionals.



Green Warriors – The Keepers of the Future!

'Green Warriors', the school eco-club, the brain child of Class 10 students, was initiated in the first month of the academic year 2017-18, commemorating the World Environment Day. The chief guest of the day, Range Forest Officer Smt Ganashree K V emphasised the role of children in environment conservation and also administered a pledge. The new beginning saw a flurry of activities that included creation of seed balls, planting saplings, a survey of the school garden and understanding the wood grain of trees in collaboration and guidance of ExcelSoft's K-12 events team.





Stretched and De-stressed!

International Yoga Day on 21st June had our students participating in a Chain Yoga Programme conducted by the Mysuru District Administration that attempted to create a new Guinness Record by students from schools across the city at the palace grounds. The teachers and parents also participated in the mass Yoga program conducted at the Mysuru Race Course.



Keeping this momentum going, the teachers had a workshop on 'Yoga for



Physical and Mental Wellness' by Dr Raghavendra Pai, a renowned Yoga expert, who spoke on the need to alleviate stress and to channelise the accumulated energy positively. 'Bend so that you don't break' was the mantra!

Lead Now to Rule Tomorrow!

Investiture of the new Student Council was a major highlight of the first term. The occasion was marked by the presence of Chief Guest Col. Mahendra Babu (Retd.), Corps of Signals, who presented the official badges to the student office bearers and addressed the gathering on patriotism, valour and a sense of responsibility that accompanies the role of a leader.

The newly elected members were infused with an energy that was palpable, their strides revealing a new found joy.



The school takes pride in conducting numerous field trips to ensure enrichment of children's knowledge through active practical learning experience, thus strengthening the concepts learned in theory. A venture to ensure learning is fun and more...



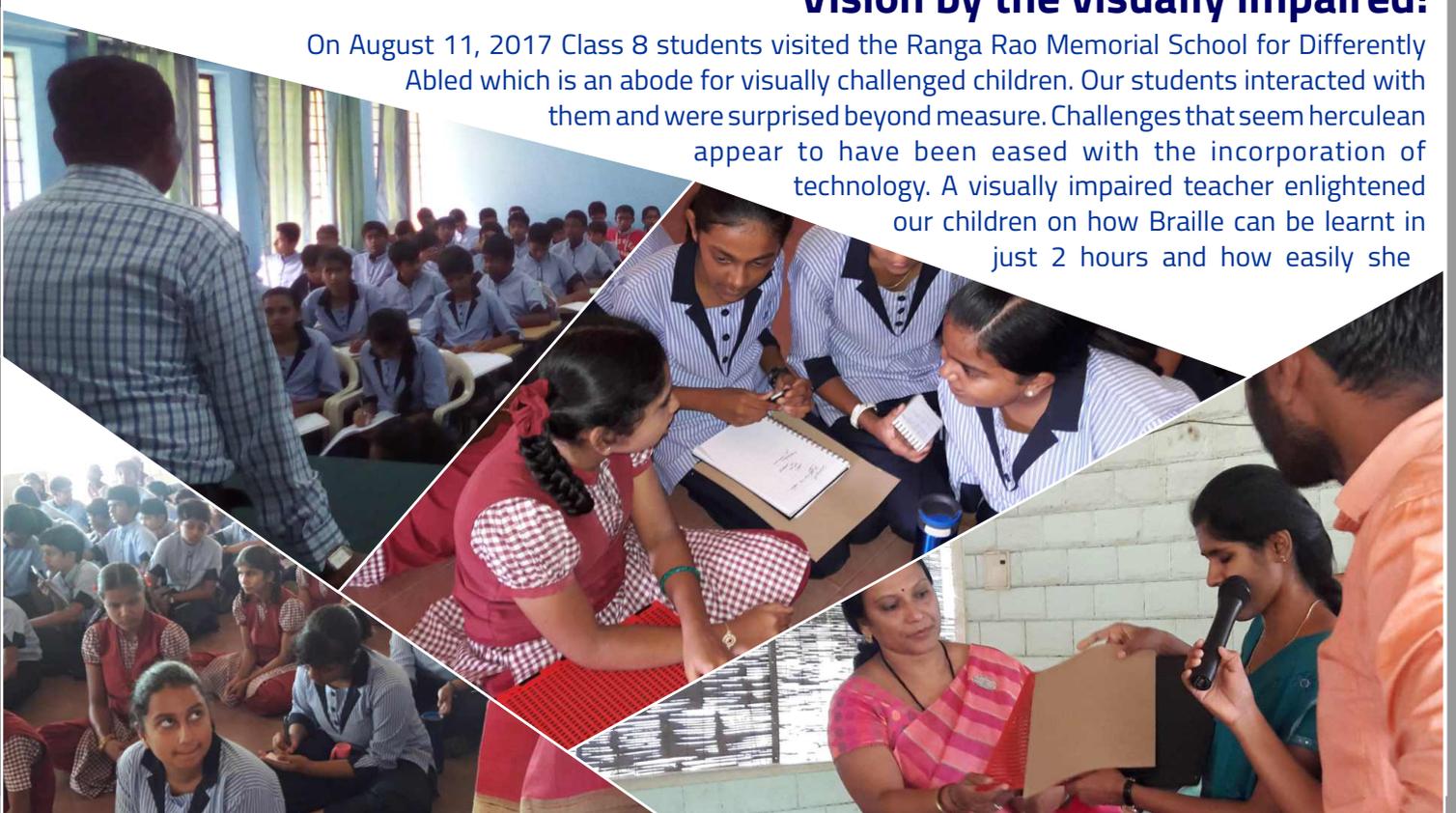
Green Fingers!

The Class 5 learners were exposed to a plethora of flora at the Horticulture farm at Yelwala, Mysuru. The objective of the trip was to explore and learn more about the different stages involved in grafting. A demonstration of the process of grafting by Ms. Mamatha, Assistant Director of Horticulture left the kids excited and enlightened. A truly fruitful visit!



Vision by the visually impaired!

On August 11, 2017 Class 8 students visited the Ranga Rao Memorial School for Differently Abled which is an abode for visually challenged children. Our students interacted with them and were surprised beyond measure. Challenges that seem herculean appear to have been eased with the incorporation of technology. A visually impaired teacher enlightened our children on how Braille can be learnt in just 2 hours and how easily she



could navigate her way around using Google maps on her smart phone, use a new version of cane which helps her detect the terrain around and so forth. The students realised that specially-abled kids are just like them — they learn music, classical dance and play cricket but with a special twist. Every field trip in EPS is organised with the objective that helps students understand and accept fellow citizens and make the world a better place to live in.

Walk in the jungle!

Field trips are a good mode of edutainment. On August 17, students of Class 7 went on a surprise field trip to Aloka Tree Park (Yelwal) to explore nature and understand the importance of trees. The forest officers projected a well compiled video on wildlife and how forests are destroyed due to human neglect. Later students were escorted to a stipulated area in the wild and dispersed seed balls that were prepared in the school. The officers led the students deeper into the forest where they explored a variety of plants and creatures arousing a multitude of questions from the curious young minds. A memorable trip reiterating that nature teaches best!

Going Organic!

30th July marked the Class 9 students' visit to Farming Research Institute, Naganahalli, Mysuru, which cultivates crops like paddy, sugarcane and fruits organically. Dr Govinda Raj (Superintendent of Farming) conducted a session on the importance of organic farming and how essential it is to consume food free of chemical pesticides and fertilizers. The harm caused due to overuse of chemicals was made evident. It created awareness about consuming the right kind of food and the impact of chemically treated food on health. The students were left with some food for thought!

Unity in Diversity!

Excel Public School is India in all its glory — myriad religions, cultures and festivals. The Staff Welfare Committee collaborates and organises activities celebrating brotherhood in all forms. Teachers respect all religious sentiments, don appropriate theme based attire and wholeheartedly participate in programmes propagating universal oneness on the occasions of Ramadan, Onam and Ganesh Chaturthi.

Art of living!

Students of Class 11 were part of a life-skills camp at NALS Coonoor Campus amidst the verdant surroundings of The Nilgiris, Tamilnadu. The purpose was for the children to have a one of a kind experience, as we believe that they are the leaders of tomorrow. Being passionate about life and its accompanying experiences is paramount. As future leaders, they must be equipped to deal with and solve myriad issues some of which are unforeseen.

The purpose of the programme was met as it helped them to overcome some of their fears and tested them on their life skills by exposing them to challenging situations in an exciting environment. Students made the most of their 4-day stay at the camp, carrying in their hearts and minds a thought that no hurdle is too huge to handle. A novel way to initiate the young into the real world!





Focus!

'Concentrate' is a word often heard but not taught! On 28 July, students of Class 5 attended a workshop on Concentration conducted by Dr S Surma. She reinforced the need for concentration and focus to succeed in life. The difference between hearing and listening, seeing and observing was made clear. The way our sensory organs are put to use, the need to be physically and mentally fit in order to achieve concentration was clarified. Various techniques were imparted through games, making it an age-appropriate session.



Living on the Edge!

Post the investiture of the School Student Council, Col. Mahendra Babu (retd.) addressed the students of Class 10 on the challenges faced by military personnel at Siachen - the world's highest battlefield. He was instrumental in training soldiers of the Indian army to combat enemies of the state at such inhospitable conditions. He showcased glimpses of the hardships soldiers face, through a presentation and highlighted their undying spirit to serve the nation. Students were duly cognizant and respectfully listened to the speech. Motherland above all is the lesson taught by the brave hearts guarding the frontiers of our nation.



Think Out of the Box!

On 26 July 2017, learners of Classes 9 and 10 were presented the topic 'Design Thinking' by special guests Mr Harish Machia Kodandera and Ms Divya Harish Kodandera. The world today is all about survival of the smartest. Idea generation to survive in today's world of competition is the need of the hour. Usage of design thinking to set scalable goals is the core enabler in our learning process. Steps involved in Design thinking—Emphasize, Define, Ideate, Prototype, Test was made clear to the students and left them aspired to carve their niches uniquely.



Broaden Your Horizons!

'Every experience makes you grow'. The session was by our alumni, Manish Kumar from the 1st batch of EPS (2013-14), currently pursuing his under-grad program in University of California, Santa Barbara. His speech about studying abroad was brimming with new experiences and exposure. He clearly listed out the advantages that include exposure, traveling the world as well as better job opportunities and hurdles like high expense, high competition to get into good universities and difficulty to adapt to their system could still be scaled. Students were then guided through the process to apply to these universities. His talk was truly motivating urging the students to get out of your comfort zones as it can be truly rewarding!



Sound of Music!

Excel Public School believes and tries innovative ways to reach the minds of students. The music performance by the band 'Sustain' was one such event that had everyone on their feet in the auditorium. The event was initiated by Mr Micah who is



the School's Music Teacher as well as "Sustain" band member, on 21 July, where they played a few numbers and gave insight on how each band member was inspired by music. They prompted the students to follow their passion because passion drives a person to be the best. This was whetted by the Principal who shared his story of how as a young boy he overcame his fears, believed in his dreams and took great efforts to achieve the same. The take away — follow your passion, it will lead you to your purpose!

Awareness Programmes at EPS Dengue Scare

The academic year 2017-18 began on a rather concerning note; dengue was rampant in the city. Teachers organised a skit for students of classes 1 and 2 to create and increase awareness of this serious health issue. Children were sensitised towards simple measures of care and prevention. Science classes were utilised to provide visual understanding through pictures of the Aedes mosquito, symptoms of dengue and preventive measures.

Rally for Rivers

Excel Public School strongly believes in its role in environmental conservation. Rally for Rivers, an initiative by Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev and Isha Foundation, which saw a flurry of activities across the country, had us participating in its Mysuru chapter. An alarming video about our vanishing rivers was screened at school. The students and staff participated in a rally at school and raised slogans proclaiming their allegiance. Mr. B.N Pramod, an Isha Foundation volunteer as well as an EPS parent, chaired the occasion and requested for practical lifestyle changes thus contributing to the revival of the lifelines of our nation.

Swachhata Pakhwada

As per the fortnight (Pakhwada) programme suggested by the CBSE Board, Excel Public School began the cleanliness campaign on the September 1, 2017 with the Swachhata Shapath wherein students and staff pledged to practice the oath taken. Principal, Mr Mathew K G spoke on the relevance of the theme. A cleanliness drive was organised in the surrounding areas of the School and digital posters were showcased to enhance awareness. A painting competition was organised for parents on the theme 'Clean India, Better India'. Excel Public School stands firm on its commitment towards upholding the promise made during Swachhata Pakhwada 2017.

Interaction with Parents

Excel Public School believes in inclusiveness and pays great importance to synergy of thoughts between the school and parents. At the end of term 1,



6 PT meetings for classes LKG to 8th were conducted, during which the Principal addressed the parent community on various academic and non-academic issues, all focused towards holistic development of children.

The excerpts...

Ms Tanya Haneef, Parent of Ms Rida Haniya and Mst Reyan Haneef

Today I am a proud mother that I got my child back to my arms which I was desperately waiting since a year, waiting for my innocent child whom I had lost, this was only possible with the effort of committed team who are in EPS today. Thank you everyone once again. I just wanted to say how grateful my children are being part of EPS and having such wonderful and caring Principal, Headmistress, Coordinators, Class Teacher, other Subject Teachers and non-teaching staff.

Ms Azmin Anwar, Parent of Ms Amna Bai J and Mst Ahyan Sait J

We diverted our attention and our energy to finding a seat for our daughter. We went through the normal procedure and got an appointment to visit the school campus which was novel to us. Seeing the sprawling lush green campus, we were literally dumbstruck. We felt out of place and couldn't comment which could be easily mistaken as being arrogant or having an attitude. Neither we as parents nor our parents when we were kids had the privilege to see the school or college campus before the admission could start.!!!

Kindergarten- A Glimpse

The word school brings joy to our little ones. The primary focus is to ensure that children feel a connect between their home and school. Children are welcomed with love and, greeted by name. The tiny tots feel good, safe and secure through this display of affection and it boosts their confidence. During assembly, they take turns to introduce and present song, rhyme, story narration, and so on. Classrooms are relaxed spaces where teachers elicit answers from children through simple though probing questions which help further thinking and linguistic skills. TGIF - Thank God It's Friday! - children eagerly wait for Friday, for that's when they get their face painted :)

Excel Public School allows each bud to bloom in its season, as we understand that every child is different and unique.



Closure of Term 1

'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy' — EPS includes Jill too in this popular phrase that moots for relaxation in the scheme of things. The staff picnic at the end of the term never fails to boost and rejuvenate the 'gang'. It is a time of mutual bonhomie, bonding and strengthening of team spirit.

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