

# NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL-KALABURAGI

## SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

*"Maybe there is a road ahead of it,  
Maybe there is a new world down the road,  
Walking forth is the only plight,  
Because we didn't come this far to come this far only"*

National Public School, Kalaburagi strives to be the Center of Excellence in Education using state-of-the-art technology, where the seeds of holistic education and the all-round development of the children are sown at an early age to bring up the best citizens for the nation tomorrow. National Public School, Kalaburagi is affiliated with the Central Board of Secondary Examination and follows the NCERT textbooks for the secondary school. No matter what, NPS puts in all efforts to provide the best quality of education to its students. The COVID-19 pandemic stands as an excellent example to testify the fact that we here at NPS leave no stone unturned to provide what we promise-both online and offline. No matter the way was dark and hopes were low, the light of education continued to shine at every little life here. Distance or pandemic was never a reason for us to stop imparting knowledge to our young souls as we made sure that our teachers stood by the students along with the cooperation of the parents. We wouldn't claim that it was a great year, but it did teach us the art of survival. It was a year of struggle, cooperation, and victory. This is the academic school report for the academic year 2021-22.

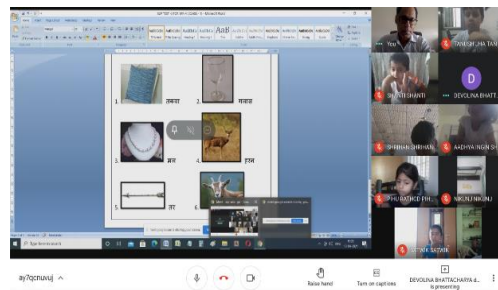
### **Academic Prominence:**

*"Learning is never cumulative; it is a movement of knowing which has no beginning and no end"*

Transition to the online mode of teaching was a challenging task not only for teachers but for the students too. At the onset, little did we realize that the situation would take such a critical turn leaving us completely unguarded and unprepared for the challenges it posed. Soon the importance of a well-conceived strategy to wade through the pool of crisis was felt therefore an adequate action plan was framed, thus ensuring an uncompromised quality of education imparted at NPS.

### **March 28, 2020: NPS goes online!**

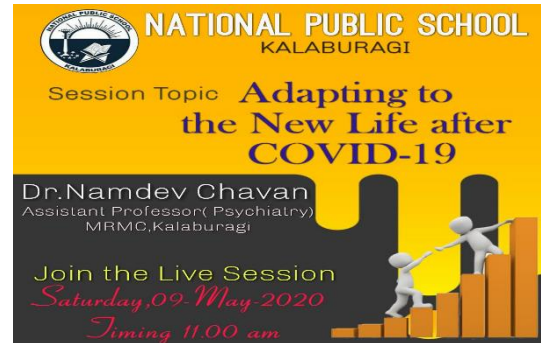
NPS Kalaburagi launched classes for grade 9 in the remote mode on Zoom Platform for the first time and earned the credit of being the first school in Kalaburagi to take up this initiative. The classes were meticulously planned as per the CBSE curriculum, and interactive modules.



At the end of May, a demo session with Extra Mark – an online platform - was organized and a couple of interactive sessions with the Microsoft team were also held to render a better learning platform for children. Eventually, taking into consideration an effective online platform to hold recorded teaching sessions for students, easy accessibility, sharing of materials to conduct and evaluation of online assessments, etc, the online classes were shifted on to the 'Google Classroom' on June 22nd, 2020.

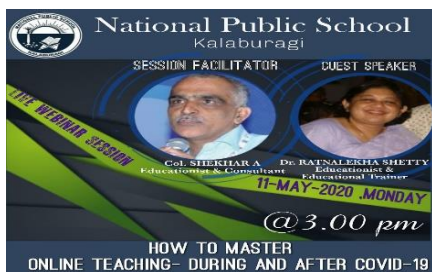
### Preparation of Staff:

Our teachers polish their practice so that more of our students can reach their learning goals and pursue excellence more vigorously through greater engagement with their learning and the use of thinking routines to ensure the successful development of teaching skills.



A series of webinars were hosted by eminent speakers and educationists to bring in awareness and raise the potential of our staff in utilizing the online platform effectively.

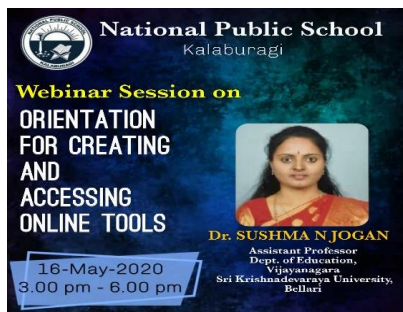
**May 09, 2020:** Dr. Namdev Chavan, (Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, MRMC Kalaburagi) organized a webinar on the topic– 'Adapting to the New Life after COVID-19'. It aimed at providing a clear idea to the parents to handle their children through the psychologically challenging pandemic time.



**May 11th, 2020:** An Online Teacher Training Programme was organized by Rtd. Col. Shekhar. A, (Educationist, Consultant, and Rt. Principal) on the theme 'How to Master Online Teaching – During and after COVID19'. The training program explored many effective tools to handle online classes.

**May 12, 2020:** A webinar for teachers was organized by Mrs. Sumedha Sodhi, (HOD of Social Science, GCED Coordinator, Ahlcon International School) the webinar was held in two sessions. The key focus of the webinar was how to utilize digital tools to make online learning easy and effective, blending of online methods of teaching and the conventional techniques, and the tools to improve learning outcomes.





**May 16, 2020:** An Online Orientation Programme for Teachers was organized by Dr. Sushma Jogan, (Assistant Professor of Education) aiming at creating and assessing the online teaching tools. The mode of conducting an assessment and its evaluation was briefly explained and practiced during the session.

**May 28 2020 Teacher Development Programme:** NPS organized an Online Teacher Development Programme for Teachers. Dr. Uthaya Kumar, (Education Consultant & Trainer) held a Live Session on Facebook about Holistic Education – Intellectual, Emotional, Social, Physical, Artistic, Creative and Spiritual Potentials.

**Nov 7, 2020:** An Online Workshop on Competency-based learning was held for the teachers at NPS. The workshop focused on online Assessment techniques and NEP 2020 highlights. Dr. Manjula Raman (CEO, Royale Concorde International Group of Schools) presided over the event and spoke to the teachers. The workshop was an eye-opener to the faculty as it cleared the doubts related to NEP.



**Parent Teachers Online Interactions:** The pandemic, no doubt, transformed homes into schools. The pandemic also taught that no matter schools may be closed by learning cannot stop at any cost. With proper coordination between the parents and the teachers, the students were provided with quality education with no compromise. To keep a check on the academic progress of the students, regular Parent-Teacher Meets were held online. NPS ensured to conduct such virtual interactions periodically during the pandemic session. The first Online PTM was held on 14 June 2021 to review the students' performance in their online classes. To further check the academic progress of the students of grades VI to IX, the second and third online PTMs were held on 26 July 2020 and 06 October 2020 respectively.

As we oscillated from online to offline classes, an offline Parent Teachers Meet for KG to Grade 9 was held on 16 January 2021 and 13 March 2021. To have a discussion and to receive feedback from parents before the final examination, a face-to-face interaction was held on 03 April 2020. The last PTM for the students of Grade 1 to 9 for the academic year was held on 07 May 2020. The PTM for the kindergarten children was held on 17 April 2020.

## Co-Curricular Activities:

*"For the things we have to learn before we can do them, we learn by doing them."  
- Aristotle*

Apart from striving to attain exemplary academic standards, a plethora of extra-curricular activities was organized to nurture the talents of our little champs. We at NPS believe in grooming every facet of the student's personality. Our students have made a mark with their exuberant participation in co-scholastic areas.

**Online Drawing Competition:** An online drawing competition was held for the students of grades 5-9, aiming to relax the little minds after regular schedules of online classes. A commendable number of students participated and the judges had a tough time choosing the best artwork.

**Online Solo Singing Competition:** A singing competition was held on 29.08.2020 for grade IV to IX and the first place was bagged by Aryan of grade IX, Dhruva, and Faiza of grade VIII, Srujan and Samarth of Grade VII, Vaishnavi of grade VI, Ananya and Sanvi of grade V and Himani, Meira, Pratiksha, and Alvia Aldous of grade IV.

**Poem Recitation Competition** was held on 02 September 2020 for grades IV and V. Himani and Anam of grade IV bagged first and second place.

**Drawing Competition** was held on 13 November 2020 for Grades V to IX and prizes were bagged by Mehreen Patel of grade IX, Mariyam Patel, Habeebuddin, and Mitilesh of Grade VIII, Niharika and Sadaan of grade VII, Nidhi of grade VI, and Rayan Khan, Saanvi and Nakul of grade V.

**An Online Elocution Competition** was held on 03 October 2020. The students exhibited their oratory skills through their impressive speeches on diverse topics. And the trophies were bagged by Himani Gurudeva, Alvia Aldous of grade IV, D Atharva, Saanvi G Bacha of grade V, Nidhi Sajjanshetty of grade VI, YashTeli of grade VII, Shaikh Zoya Hadid of grade VIII, and Niharika Sajjanshetty of grade IX.

## RESONANCE-2020 (A Virtual Inter School Fest)

Resonance 2020 indeed was an eye-catching event and a sheer break for the children from the monotony of online Classes and to explore new experiences by interacting with other school children. The competition was held from (09.12.2020 – 14.12.2020). Students from various institutions such as Sparkles International School, Baqhers Public School, Ken Bridge School,



Millennium School, and The Aditya Birla Public School participated in various competitions like Quiz, Debate, Singing, Story Telling, Elocution, Rhyme and talent show, and bagged trophies and prizes. The prize distribution ceremony was held at the school campus on the 13th of February.

Mr. Tommy Scaria, Vice-principal, ABPS School, presided over as the chief guest of the function and handed over the prizes and trophies to the individual prize winners. National Public School emerged as the overall winner of the Event bagging the maximum points.



### **Celebrations:**

**"Life is a celebration. We just need persons to celebrate it"**

To foster national integration, religious and cultural awareness, and tolerance, various national, religious, and cultural festivals and occasions were celebrated with due pomp and grandeur. Independence Day: August 15, 2020, we took pride as Indians as we celebrated India's 74th year of freedom. The students danced and exhibited their patriotism through songs and elocution on various patriotic topics hosted on a virtual platform.

**Teachers Day:** The students of NPS solemnly celebrated Teachers' Day with great exuberance. The students went to great lengths to put a scintillating online cultural show that showcased their affection, respect, and appreciation towards the teachers.

**Kannada Rajyotsava:** Students and staff of NPS were immersed in the rich traditions of Karnataka during the Rajyotsava celebration on the 1st of November 2020. In the spirit of keeping the culture of Karnataka alive, students enthralled the audience with a variety of online performances.

**Republic Day:** January 26th on the occasion of our Republic Day teachers and directors of the school gathered at the school premises for flag hoisting as the students were unable to join us due to a pandemic. A small program was hosted by the staff members.

**Graduation Day:** Graduation Day for kindergarten children was held on 10.04.2021 a much-awaited day for our little champs. They honored the day with cultural activities and at the end of the session parents had an opportunity to

discuss the functioning of the school and they expressed their satisfaction with the overall performance of the school during this pandemic.

### **Congratulations to the Olympiad Achievers!**

*"Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family"*

All of our students enter academic competitions in pursuit of excellence measured against state or national standards. We, at National Public School, provide ample opportunities to our learners to excel and hone their skills and talents. Participation in various Olympiads is one of the platforms provided to our students where they get early exposure to learning & competitions. Regular participation in these competitive exams helps them in gaining additional knowledge. Our students brought laurels to the school by winning prizes and securing meritorious positions in (GK, Science, Maths, English) Olympiads.

General Knowledge: Mohammed Shoaib Farooq of Grade 2nd won a medal and a certificate of merit. Sahitya Patil of Grade 4th won a medal and a certificate of merit. Shantanu Mallick of Grade 9th won a medal and a certificate of merit.

Science: Anaika Chauhan of Grade 1st won a medal and a certificate of distinction. Meghamsh Singh Chatrapati of Grade 2nd won a Gold medal. Shrishail of Grade 2 won a Silver medal and Akshat of Grade 2 won a Bronze medal.

Mathematics: Mohammed Shoaib Farooq of Grade 2nd won a medal and a certificate of distinction

English: Vanisha of Grade 2 won a Gold medal.

Our students enthusiastically participated in the weekend Quiz Competitions "MIND WARS" conducted by ZEE TV.

### **"Yoga is the journey of the self, through the self, to the self."**

Each morning, every classroom begins the day with a yoga-based movement, and a peaceful meditation follows, helping students bring their attention to the present moment and preparing them for their learning time. Yoga classes are scheduled online. Parents and staff are also encouraged to participate in these yoga classes which were a great mind practice during this pandemic period.

### **"Only he who can see the invisible can do the impossible."**

NPS was keen on conducting online sports classes during this pandemic in collaboration with Edu Sports engaging students in enough physical activity for those who were getting hooked to TV and computers. Edu Sports focuses on building a sustainable and scalable model for getting children to play and deliver sports as an integral part of every child's education developing mental skills, behavioral skills, and physical conditioning in children with periodic assessments.

NPS ensures in sculpting public speaking skills in our students through Nirmiti Academy-Bombay which gives and a good opportunity for children virtually in today's prevailing conditions. Students zealously participate in these classes to further develop their skills

## **Sports Complex:**

*'A healthy mind resides in a healthy body.'*

The encouragement of participation in competitive team sports is an integral component of the school ethos. The educational value of sport is stressed. National Public School has always taken that extra step to make the students believe in that. NPS further expands its wings of infrastructure with a well-planned synthetic track and an adjacent sports complex which stands as the highlight of the year too. NPS no doubt aims at boosting sports activities and adds thrust on the physical well-being of the students. In the years to come, we aim to produce not just intellectuals but sportsmen too! Involvement in the co-curricular life of the school is strongly encouraged.

## **Student Support**

Teachers worked cooperatively to develop units of work and lesson plans focusing particularly on the quality of teaching and learning. Teachers are endeavoring to raise student achievement with increased scaffolding of concepts and content and more rubrics as feedback on assessment tasks. The Principal and staff continue to refine their approaches to purposeful grouping to enhance learning outcomes. Talented students in particular disciplines are identified and targeted where possible classes are formed to accelerate appropriate students.

Students with diagnosed learning difficulties receive assistance from teachers, including organization of study materials; prioritizing tasks to meet due dates; monitoring progress through assignments; study skills and examination preparation; and liaison with teachers and parents. Many students also received support through special examination provisions: retest and remedial classes.

## **The Assessment**

Traditionally, we have Monthly Review Tests, Unit Tests, Half-Yearly and Yearly Examinations, and competition results as sources of information on the progress of our students. We need to make more of this information to design our teaching methodology and improve student outcomes. We set targets, publish exemplary work, use more pre-test and post-test strategies, compose more rubrics, compile more feedback sheets, produce more footpace, insist on standards being met for work submitted for assessment, and analyze and evaluate the data we gather at the end of each unit to improve our practice.

## **Feedback**

We listen to our students and respond to their needs and concerns. We aim to identify and address student learning needs on a personal level. We have the tools to monitor each student's progress and to identify strengths and weaknesses in skill, concept, and knowledge acquisition. We hope to develop more targeted interventions to address specific needs. We conduct more online and offline surveys to establish student attitudes to school policies and programs, both

academic and co-curricular. We try to respond appropriately to their concerns and suggestions for improvement. We evaluate our teaching more often by having exit surveys, feedback sheets, or in-class forums. We try to make schoolwork more meaningful and engaging by ensuring that where possible it is autonomous, complex and offering a reward for effort in the zone of proximal development. We also need to show how scores can be improved.

**Targets for the upcoming academic year:**

We felt strong on measuring students' reflection on assessment and therefore we rated ourselves as sustaining and growing rather than excelling. We have embedded practices to engage parents and help them understand the learning progress of their children, with more support strategies for parents trying to help their children to learn. The academic year 2021-22 will remain etched in the history of NPS as we prepare for the first batch of AISSE. Our students are provided with the best coaching and support to make a mark at the Board Exam. With fingers crossed, we are all set to face the board exams.

From the year of the conception, NPS has also looked forward to enhancing the learning environment of students. As a new academic year flutters open in front of us, we are armed to go along with the flow – both online and offline. We have meticulously planned a structured Online and Offline schedule for the classes and we are sure that the classes will not be affected by the pandemic anymore. Our teachers and students will be provided with orientation sessions to be prepared for the year to come. The academic year 2021-22 is all set to be inclusive of curricular and co-curricular activities. The activities will enable students to fight the monotony of the virtual classes and to improve their creativity.

National Public School is a unique environment that nurtures little souls to dream big and fly high. Here the children can exercise decision-making and choice, restricted only by the rights of others to enjoy the same. Here they can build the habits for work — to make an effort to persist through difficulty, to accept the challenges – both the new and different – to communicate and co-operate with others. This is made possible with positive and honest assistance from the teachers who are always available for them. No matter the pandemic has cast its uncomfortable shadow on us; we still keep our hopes high. For us, it is the little faces and the cooperation of their parents that keeps us going. The secured trust of the parents and the support we receive leave us with determination and strength only to plan for their fruitful future.