

Founder's Note

Dear Neev Community,

Neev Academy is now 7 years old with 3 years on campus. The journey to campus began in June 2011 via Indira Nagar and two temporary campuses in Whitefield. Next year we will have nearly 500 kids on the Yemalur campus and 21+ kids at the North PYP satellite.

One of my favorite quotes comes from Dumbledore in *Chamber of Secrets*- "It is our choices, not our abilities that reveal what we really are Harry." Students at Neev make many choices; how they work, who they work with, activities they pursue, and eventually subjects they study. They succeed and fail in these choices; learning from both, often more from the latter.

Next year our offering of choices goes up for activities- sports, arts, CAS, work experience and subjects. Our after-school programme expands to around 40 activities. We add tennis and swim teams to our existing basketball, football and athletics teams. We institutionalise our CAS initiatives allowing students to meet authentic experiences but making choices of the initiative they join. We also launch an internship program as an introduction to careers.

Travel continues to be an important part of our learning; all 7 learning journeys starting in the first week with Ladakh and until Rajasthan in the end of the academic year. In addition are trips related to MUN, Sports, CAS and treks. Our new sports fields will be active next year. Besides the focus on fitness, we expand the sports leagues initiated this year. The experiment this year of running Neevotsav and Spotlights in parallel gives us the confidence for a new theatre format; next year's Neevotsav as a

3 day festival for Grades 1-3 with 'Spotlight' as a complete focus of older grades.

The richness of Neev's parent community already comes out in Language day, Lit-fest, Neevotsav, Sarvajeet Diwas. Neev parent community is also unique in its diversity of careers - entrepreneurs, doctors, writers, researchers, programmers, lawyers, engineers, educators, designers, and many other professions. We invite our parents to bring this rich diversity into the school next year impacting CAS and a Careers Programme, and also to initiate a PTA truly starting to build a shared community. Do volunteer your time, your workplaces and your ideas to make these programmes a reality of rich options for our students, your children by responding to the participation emails coming soon.

Our first Diploma batch begins next year with a cohort of 15 (so far J). The DP with its hard earned reputation of rigour and excellence is the jewel in the crown of the IB programmes. And truly nothing will prepare our future Diploma students like the continuum from PYP to MYP making decisions and choices all the way. Our commitment to the best international and Indian education will be more visible with the launch of our career counselling leading to the choices of further education in India and abroad.

I am thrilled to share that we also have a globally experienced Head of School joining us early next year, bringing her vast IB continuum experience in curriculum and team leadership to help us build Neev into an institution of global excellence. And I will continue to focus on the strategic direction of the organization.

Wishing all of you a great summer. There's nothing more wonderful than long lazy summer afternoons with some great books. Read a lot, come back with minds on fire, and let's continue to build the best school in Bangalore, India and Asia.

Rgds,

Kavita Gupta Sabharwal, Head of School

PYP Exhibition

Paws for a cause

Our unit topic for the PYP Exhibition was "What It Means To Be Human" focusing on protection of animal rights. We chose this topic because everyone in our group cared for animals and were sensitive to their needs.

Urvashi says, "I have grown up around animals since infancy. They have always been a source of comfort to me and have helped me get over the toughest moments of my life. When I moved to Bangalore, I got a dog to cheer me up. I won't lie, Lucky is my source of positivity, and is my shoulder to lean upon." "When I asked for a hand, I found your paw."

Rishan says, "Animals help us in many ways, from being therapy dogs to service animals. They play a soothing role in nursing homes to hospitals. Assistance dogs can help people with many different disabilities. For instance, they are of help to those visually impaired and hard of hearing as they can help them with navigation."

We wanted to spread awareness about prevention of animal cruelty and let everyone know how they can stop animal abuse in their communities. The following steps should be taken:

- 1.If you see someone abusing an animal, try to confront and stop the abuser. Report to an adult you trust or your parents if the abuse does not stop.
- 2.If that does not work, call an NGO that's near you and let the NGO look into the matter.

If you are considering getting a pet, think of adopting one from your local shelter, the numbers of which are below:

- CUPA Second Chance Adoption Centre- 9902087276
- Karuna Animals Welfare Association of Karnataka-080 22860205
- People for Animals- 080 2861 1986
- Krupa Loving Animal, Bangalore- 098805 63690
- Charlie's Animal Rescue Centre - 094839 11110

Rihaan and Urvashi, grade 5

From the Editorial Desk

With the end of the year approaching, Neev has its hands full with Eureka, Language Day, PYP Exhibition and the start of the Diploma Programme. The four issues we have released have tried to capture what has been an incredible and eventful year. And hence, we wish to end the year with a memorable BANG! And so, we present to you this digital special edition. But if you think this is the end of Neev Times, think again...

Unfortunately for you, we will be there next year, haunting and inspiring you at the same time for more articles. Our publishing machine is craving for literary food, and only you can quench its hunger.

Remember, feel it, write it and you'll love it!

Mehr Sohal & Navya Sahay
(editorial team)

IB Diploma Programme @ Neev

It gives me immense pleasure to announce the start of the first IBDP batch at Neev Academy from July 2018. As Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "Accomplishment will prove to be a journey not a destination." Hence the start of IB Diploma Programme at Neev Academy is not a destination in itself but an enriching journey of developing individuals who are self aware, knowledgeable and who forge relationships with people and the environment for attainment of happy, healthy and impactful lives. The entire DP team at Neev Academy is fully committed and are aware that the two culminating years of the DP are extremely critical for students in shaping their future and hence must be a meaningful and exciting learning journey. Neev Academy is all set to support its students through a wide range of subject offering and a dedicated career counselling cell which will support students through their college journey and life beyond.

To sum up, the goal of IBDP at Neev Academy is best described in the words of Jean Piaget, "The goal of education is not to increase the amount of knowledge but to create the possibilities for a child to invent and discover, to create men who are capable of doing new things."

Abhinav Awasthi, IBDP Coordinator, Neev Academy

Student Voice: My Experience @ Neev

I have spent around 3 months in Neev, and it definitely has been a very different experience -- an open door to many new opportunities.

When I joined the school in January, the first difference I noticed was that the school was, in fact, quite small in comparison to other schools in Bangalore, which I took an instinctive liking to. This approach to academics (keeping small), is a great idea, mainly because the students are very close to one another and treat each other with respect. The teachers also seem to be more involved with the students. In my opinion, this is a great concept because it enhances the student-teacher relationship, and thus, the teacher can understand a student's situations better and handle them more deftly.

The environment in the school is amazing as everyone seems to enjoy what they are doing. The crowd is friendly and when I joined, they welcomed me so well that I immediately felt like I was a part of the school. I am not in the least intimidated by this change as I think that it's a wonderful environment for learning and growth.

Overall, the time I spent in Neev has been absolutely wonderful and I look forward to the coming years in DP, with more people and a bunch of new experiences.

Gaia Shapiro, DP student (batch 2018-2020)



मेरी भाषा, मेरा सम्मान I

२० अप्रैल २०१८ की सुबह का हर नीव सदस्य को बेसब्री से इंतजार था। प्रतीक्षा की घड़ी समाप्त हो चली और शनैः शनैः नीव प्रांगण में आगंतुकों की भीड़ इस कदर बढ़ी कि सम्पूर्ण मैदान और प्रांगण का हर कोना पूरी तरह से पट गया। बच्चे, अभिभावक, नाना-नानी, दादा-दादी पूरी तन्मयता से अपने पारम्परिक परिधान में अपनी भाषा और क्षेत्र का गौरव लिए नीव प्रांगण को सुशोभित कर रहे थे।

भाषा दिवस का शुभारंभ हुआ और उद्घोषिकाएँ पूरे जोशो-खरोश के साथ भाषा-दिवस के महत्व को समझाते हुए बारी-बारी भाषा मंडप के प्रतिनिधि कलाकारों को मुख्य मैदान में आमंत्रित करने लगीं। विविध बोलियों और भाषाओं के गायन, पारम्परिक नृत्य, और वाद्यों का प्रभाव इतना गहन था कि वहाँ उपस्थित प्रत्येक प्रतिभागी के मन में अपनी भाषा और परम्परा के लिए सम्मान और गर्व के भावों का प्रस्फुटन होने लगा।

मुख्य प्रस्तुति के समापन होते ही विभिन्न भाषा मंडपों ने अपनी अनुपम छटा चहुँ दिशाओं में बिखेर दी। कन्नड़, तमिल, तेलुगु, मराठी, बंगाली, हिंदी, उर्दू, जर्मन, गुजराती, मारवाड़ी, पंजाबी और मलयालम भाषा के प्रतिनिधि पुनः अपनी परम्परा, भाषा के महत्व, संस्कृति, खान-पान और साहित्य से आगंतुकों के भावों को संदीप्त करने लगे।

छायाचित्र कोष्ठ की छठा भी देखने योग्य थी, विविध भाव भंगिमाओं में लोग तस्वीर खिंचवा कर अपनी उपस्थिति दर्ज करवा रहे थे।

भाषा दिवस का समापन भारत के विभिन्न प्रदेशों के विविध सुस्वाद व्यंजनों के आस्वादन के पश्चात हुआ। पिछले वर्ष कुछ अपनी मातृभाषा और संस्कृति के अस्तित्व और सम्मान का प्रश्न लिए और कुछ उसके प्रति अपनापन और सकारात्मक सोच लेकर विदा हुए थे। परन्तु इस बार अमूमन सभी प्रत्यक्षदर्शी अपनी मातृभाषा और संस्कृति के लिए सम्मान, अस्मिता और सकारात्मक सोच लिए नीव प्रांगण से विदा हुए।

साथ में ही भाषा दिवस ने एक सशक्त संदेश दिया है कि भारत देश, भाषा, संस्कृति, पहनावा, रहन-सहन, धर्म, रूप-रंग और वेशभूषा की विभिन्नता लिए हुए भी एक प्रेम सूत्र में बंधा, पूरे विश्व में एकता और शांति का सन्देश प्रवाहित करता है और करता रहेगा।

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LANGUAGE DAY PREPARATIONS



Stereotypes and Some...

1. "On a scale of one to Marwari, how *kanjoos* are you, really?"
2. "You Bengalis eat fish with everything no?"
3. "Gujarati? You must be a Patel..."
4. "So what else do you eat? Apart from Idli and Dosa of course."
5. "Duh you like Honey Singh! You're Panjabi!"
Attempts to speak in Punjabi "Chak de phatte, napp de killi!"
6. "You're pretty fun for a German."
7. "Bengalis have a lot of trouble in their schools because of how regularly they turn into fish markets."

Kriti Sarawgi, 8 (editorial team)

LANGUAGE DAY CELEBRATIONS



WORDSMITH

Reading

He sat snuggled in a corner,
Not making a single murmur.
He read about great heroes,
And extravagant discos.
About fire-breathing dragons,
And magical wagons.
About a medieval knight,
Who did fight,
About the cunning fox,
And the snail in a mailbox.
About powerful kings,
And supernatural things,
About poisoned drinks,
And the sphinx.
About the origin of the world,
And women with their hair curled.
About deeds of great honor,
And eventually about himself reading
in a corner.

Rithwik Kabir Shivnani, 6B

Fascinating Research Topics

1. Cancer Mortality & Mutation- Aditya, G7
2. Effect of caffeine on plant growth rate- Devansh, G7
3. Invisibility-refractive index- Krisha, G7
4. How chameleons change color and making a chameleon device- Sannara, G7
5. Rubber hand illusion- Naviya, G8
6. Virtual Reality- Adweith, G8
7. The effect of styling on the chemical structure of hair- Aarushi, G9

The Opposite of Loneliness

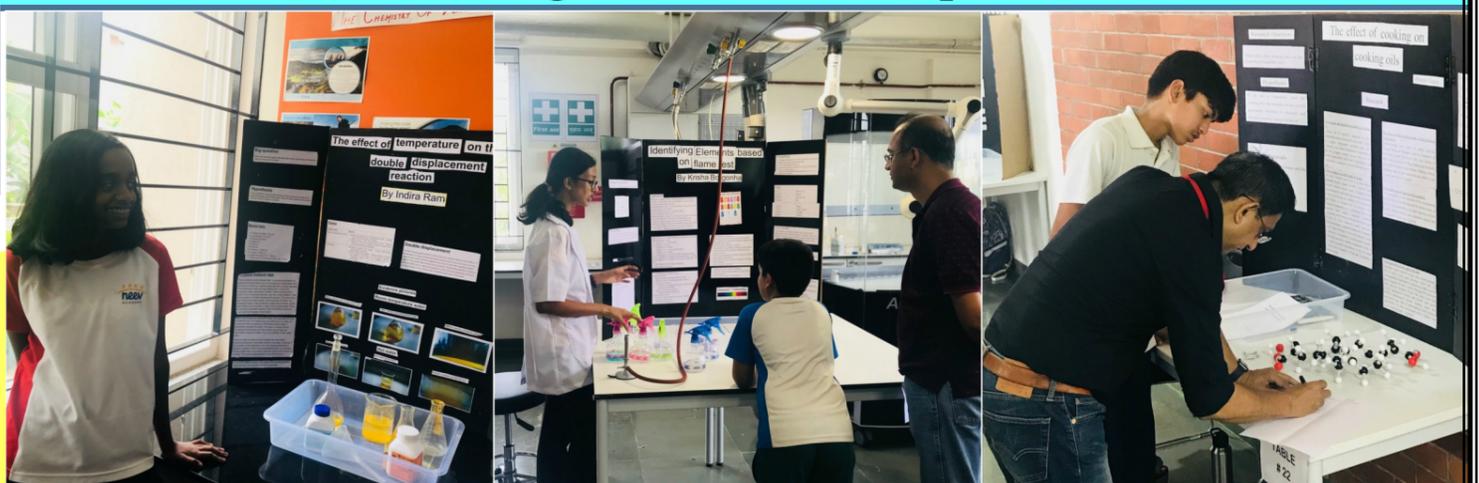
The opposite of loneliness... there's no word for it. It's not the feeling of popularity or being accepted. The opposite of loneliness is something indescribable; it's this warm, fuzzy feeling that ignites within you when you realize that you aren't a 'lone ranger'. According to writer Marina Keegan, "It's not quite love and it's not quite community; it's just this feeling that there are people, an abundance of people, who are in this together."

The past year, I've had several epiphanic moments. Moments in which I experienced something quite the opposite of loneliness. That indescribable, heart-warming and fuzzy feeling makes my fingers tingle when I walk into school at 7:45 am every day; when I'm laughing in the cafeteria for half an hour and just can't seem to get a hold of myself. When we are all cuddled together, watching a horror movie and stuffing ourselves with popcorn and chocolates. When my device is constantly buzzing and flooded with hilarious messages from a number of group chats (I can't even keep track of the number of group chats we have). The opposite of loneliness is what I have felt the past year with all of you, and I am ever so grateful for it.

Mehr Sohal, 8, House Captain

EUREKA!!!

Imagine, Innovate, Inspire



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#GET OUT!
This vacation,
SWITCH OFF THE GADGETS
and
GET OUT TO PLAY.

