

NPSI FORTNIGHTLY PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Members of the NPSI Community,

I do not want to tempt fate, but we are hopeful that the haze situation is improving and will continue to stabilise over the coming weeks (crossed fingers). We continue to monitor the situation closely and have contingency plans in place should conditions deteriorate. The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff remain our highest priority. Thank you for your continued understanding and support as we navigate these circumstances.

Parent Focus Group (PFG) Meeting

Next week, we will be holding our monthly Parent Focus Group (PFG) meeting, which provides an important opportunity for parents and school leaders to come together, share perspectives and discuss matters relating to school life. We greatly value the constructive feedback and suggestions received through these meetings, which help us to reflect on our practices and identify opportunities for improvement. A strong partnership between home and school is essential, and we remain committed to listening to our parent community and maintaining open, positive communication.

Our CIS Accreditation Journey

In November, we will welcome the CIS team for our Preparatory Engagement Visit, another important milestone in our school's development. The process encourages us to reflect on our strengths, embrace continual improvement and ensure we are delivering on our guiding principles, whilst valuing the perspectives of our students, staff and parents.

During the visit, the CIS visitors will meet with members of our school community, observe school life and gain a greater understanding of our practices and priorities as part of our ongoing commitment to continual improvement.

As always, thank you for your continued trust, partnership and support.

Kind regards,

Mr Andrew Wyeth | Head of School

Upcoming Events

31 Oct – STEM Exhibition (Secondary)
02-10 Nov – IB2 UT1
06 Nov – Dress-Up Day – Deepavali Celebrations (Primary)
09 Nov – Deepavali Holiday
16–23 Nov – UT1 (Grade 6), UT2 (Grades 7-9)
16–25 Nov – IB1 SA1
16–27 Nov - Prelim 1 (10 IGCSE)
26-27 Nov – Primary PTC
27–28 Nov – NPSI MUN
04 Dec – Annual School Production – Grades 4 & 5 (Primary)
11-12 Dec – Med Summit
14-17 Dec – IHC (Secondary)
18 Dec – Dress-Up Day – Colours of Christmas (Primary)
18 Dec – Mufti Day – Colours of Christmas (Secondary)
18 Dec – Last Day of Term
19 Dec – 12 Jan 27 – School Holidays
13 Jan 27 – Students return

The Grandmaster Mindset: Inside Our Inter-Class Chess Championship

In our pursuit to provide our students with opportunities to challenge themselves, experience success and grow through positive experiences, we have proudly launched an annual inter-class chess competition.

The atmosphere in the room was electric yet deeply focused during lunch break. Across the boards, young minds leaned in, plotting strategies, anticipating moves and learning the delicate balance of patience and tactical foresight. Beyond winning or losing, every match offered a profound lesson in sportsmanship, resilience and critical thinking.

Witnessing our students dive into the game of chess with such passion and concentration reminds us of the power of experiential learning.



Safety Beyond the Classroom: Empowering Our Transport Providers

At our school, student safety remains our absolute top priority. Because a child's school day begins the moment they step onto a bus, we kicked off the new term by hosting a dedicated *safeguarding and child protection workshop* for our student transport providers.



Led in partnership with our transport partners, Bedok Transport, the interactive session focused on situational awareness, positive behaviour management, and proactive child protection protocols.

By extending our safeguarding culture beyond the school gates, we ensure that every journey is secure, supportive and rooted in care. True safety is a shared community commitment and our bus drivers and aunties play an invaluable role in keeping our children safe every single mile of the way.



Celebrating Our Student-Led Conferences: Where Students Take the Lead

In our learning community, the Student-Led Conference is a cherished milestone where children step into the driver's seat, guiding their parents through an immersive journey of real learning in their own inimitable, individual styles.

Across our primary grades, classrooms buzzed with excitement this Friday, as students transformed into educators and mentors. From interactive mathematics puzzles and interesting science experiments to thoughtful literature showcases, children showcased not only what they know, but how they think.

By actively engaging with and guiding their parents through their learning, our students demonstrated remarkable poise, deep conceptual understanding and, most importantly, a strong sense of ownership of their education. It was a powerful celebration of curiosity, confidence and the joy of learning together!





NPSI ELEVATE 2027

NPSI Elevate serves as our premier Performing Arts showcase, uniting our school's most gifted dancers and instrumentalists for an extraordinary celebration of artistic expression, imagination and teamwork!

From contemporary movement, hip-hop, jazz, ballet, and K-pop to traditional dance styles, classical pieces, pop, rock, or innovative original works, we eagerly anticipate your artistic vision.

Seize this moment to share your passion, collaborate with peers, and elevate your artistry.

Registration deadline: Nov 2, 2026

Solo performances are welcomed for classical instrumentalists and dancers.



NPSI Impressions and Expressions 2026

The NPSI Arts Department is pleased to announce the open call for artworks for Impressions and Expressions 2026.

Students from **Grades 6 to 12** are invited to submit their original 2D and/or relief artworks for consideration in this year's exhibition. This is an opportunity to share your creative work with the NPSI community and have your artwork considered for display in our gallery.

There is no specific theme. We welcome a diverse range of ideas, perspectives, techniques and traditional media.

Submission deadline: 2 November 2026

Exhibition dates: 25 November – 14 December 2026

Venue: NPSI Scotts Campus, L3 Gallery



NPSI STEM Exhibition 2026

On 31 October, our school will be hosting a STEM Exhibition, and our students are busy turning their ideas into solutions for a more sustainable future. This year, the theme is Sustainability, inspired by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs). We eagerly anticipate discovering the creative solutions and groundbreaking ideas crafted by our budding innovators!

Challenging Perspectives: Socratic Seminars in Economics

In the lead-up to the October holidays, IB Year 2 Economics classes took their learning beyond the classroom through Socratic seminars on pressing contemporary economic issues.

Grounded in the IB syllabus, the discussions bridged **global economics**, exploring **international trade and economic integration, and macroeconomics**, examining **financial stability, economic growth and government intervention**. By engaging with competing perspectives on real-world policy debates, students explored the complexities of economic decision-making and the trade-offs inherent in pursuing global prosperity.

The Socratic format encouraged students to develop **critical thinking, evidence-based argumentation, active listening and respectful rebuttaling skills**. Rather than simply presenting prepared arguments, participants had to respond to opposing viewpoints, assess the validity of evidence and consider alternative solutions.

The first seminar, held on October 1, examined whether the WTO, IMF and World Bank remain necessary for global economic stability. The affirmative side emphasised their roles in **preventing trade conflicts, containing financial crises and funding development**. In contrast, opponents challenged their legitimacy, citing unequal voting power, Western influence and persistent poverty despite repeated lending programmes. Alternatives such as **BRICS institutions and bilateral agreements** were also considered. The discussion ultimately suggested that reform, rather than abolition, offers the most viable path forward, including fairer representation and stronger dispute-resolution mechanisms.

The second seminar, which took place on 2 October, addressed the question of **foreign aid vs international trade**, and which of them better support the development of poorer nations. Students representing countries such as Japan, Bangladesh and Chile argued that trade drives lasting growth through jobs, investment and specialisation. Other students explored opposing perspectives from nations like Rwanda, Nepal and Botswana, who drew on evidence from **post-conflict rebuilding, disaster recovery and the HIV crisis** to show that aid builds the foundations trade depends on. The seminar finally concluded that the two are not independent of each other, meaning that aid lays the groundwork in a country's early stages, while trade sustains long term growth.

Together, the seminars demonstrated how economic understanding deepens when theoretical knowledge is tested against real-world complexities and competing interests.

By Archisha Mukherjee and Shriya Ravi

Secondary School News & Updates



ACSIS Interschool Cross Country

Pasir Ris Park came alive on Wednesday, 28 October 2026, as a sea of colourful jerseys representing Singapore's international schools gathered for an exciting cross-country meet!



We were proud to be part of this vibrant event, where our young athletes had the opportunity to challenge themselves and compete alongside runners from different schools.

This year, approximately 53 NPSI students took to the trails across six age categories — U-8, U-9, U-10, U-11, U-12 and U-14. Our U-8 to U-11 runners tackled the 1.5 km course, while our U-12 and U-14 athletes pushed their limits over 3 km!

A special shout-out goes to our youngest U-8 runners, many of whom experienced their first cross-country race! Although the 1.5 km journey was no easy feat, they rose to the challenge with courage, determination and perseverance, crossing the finish line with pride.

We are incredibly proud of every NPSI runner who stepped out of their comfort zone, embraced the challenge and gave their best.

Every step counts, every challenge builds character, and every finish line is an achievement.



Keep running strong, NPSI!

SEASON 1 Sports

Season 1 is back in full swing after the short vacation! Despite the haze disrupting several games, our teams remain undeterred, rising to the challenge and delivering strong performances on the court and field.



Football

In the recent match on 26 October, our U19 football girls secured an impressive **3-1 victory over UWCD** in a closely contested encounter. Wang Luoyun made a memorable return following her recovery from an ACL injury, opening the scoring with a superb lob from outside the penalty area on the left. Rhea doubled our lead with a well-struck effort from just outside the box, while goalkeeper Kiah came up big to save a penalty and preserve our advantage before half-time.

After the break, UWCD capitalised on a defensive scramble in our penalty area to pull one back. However, the girls responded strongly. With 10 minutes remaining, Niharika drove down the right flank before squaring the ball for Luoyun to tap home her second and seal all three points for NPSI. Well played, team!

Cricket (ACSIS)

NPSI made a flying start to their ACSIS U14 Division 1 campaign with an impressive victory over TTS! Congratulations to the team on a fantastic opening performance.

Our team made an excellent start by picking up early wickets. TTS then fought back with a steady partnership, but Namit D turned the game around with a sensational 4-wicket haul, helping restrict TTS to just 77 runs all out!

Chasing 78 for victory, NPSI made light work of the target, reaching 78 runs in just 12 overs! Namit D contributed a valuable 32 runs, while Rishik S held his nerve to remain unbeaten on 26 runs and guide NPSI home in style.



Result: TTS 77 runs all out | NPSI 78 runs in 12 overs

Sports At NPSI Highlights

Tennis (ACSIS)



Our ACSIS U11 Girls Tennis team celebrated their first victory after the vacation with a hard-fought **3-2 win over GIIS!** After weeks of hard work, dedication and steady improvement, the girls' perseverance finally paid off as they demonstrated resilience and composure under pressure. This well-deserved win reflects their progress throughout the season and provides a great boost in confidence. Congratulations to the team! Let's build on this momentum and continue striving for greater consistency and success!



Meanwhile, our ACSIS U11 Boys Tennis team continued their winning streak with another convincing **5-0 victory over OFS** in their second-leg match! Building on their experience from the previous encounter, the boys took to the court with confidence, dominating all three singles matches 6-1 and securing a commanding 6-0 win in the first doubles. The second doubles match proved to be a tougher battle, with the score tied at 4-4 midway through. However, Reyansh and Divith held their nerve under pressure to clinch a hard-fought 6-4 victory, securing another clean sweep for NPSI. The boys now look forward to their remaining fixtures with confidence and enthusiasm. Keep it up, team!

Cricket (SPORTYGO)

Our SportyGo cricketers were back in action over the week, bringing the heat across four age groups. From powerful batting and crucial wickets to nail-biting finishes and a dominant victory, our teams showcased their skills and determination on the pitch.



SportyGo U11: NPSI vs Scorpions

Our U-11 boys started off by competing against the Scorpions. The team put up a determined team effort against the Scorpions but were eventually bowled out for 98 runs. Special mention to Avi K, who contributed 15 runs and claimed an impressive 4 wickets!

SportyGo U13: NPSI vs Scorpions

Our U-13 team also played against Scorpions and posted a strong total of 179 runs, with Rishik S leading the charge with 52 runs and 1 wicket. Despite their best efforts, the Scorpions narrowly chased down the target, finishing at 181/6 to secure the win.

SportyGo U15: NPSI vs CricKingdom

Our U-15 boys also delivered a strong batting performance against CricKingdom, building a solid opening partnership of 100 runs. Anay K starred with a superb 83 runs off just 57 balls, supported by Namit D's 33 runs. Despite their impressive efforts, the match went down to the wire, with NPSI narrowly missing out on victory.

SportyGo U9: NPSI vs SCC

Meanwhile, our U-9 Cubs stole the show with a dominant performance in a rain-affected match reduced to 10 overs. Our young cricketers smashed an impressive 176 runs before the bowlers stepped up to restrict SCC to just 41 runs, sealing a convincing victory. Special mention to Khyansh, who was named Player of the Match for his valuable contribution of 30 runs. It was indeed a week of big hits and brilliant performances. Keep pushing, NPSI cricketers!

Stay tuned for more exciting game updates, results and highlights in our next newsletter.