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Dear Parents,

The maiden Sports Meet – Kshitij, is a testimony of the efforts of the entire student and teaching community at NPS Whitefield. Coming together as a team won the day!

Teamwork is like making a giant puzzle. Each person is a unique piece. If we work together, we can see the full picture. Think about playing a game of football. Only one person can kick the ball at a time, right? But to win the game, the entire team must work together. They pass the ball, they make strategies, they help each other. That's teamwork.

Now, picture a group of ants. They are tiny but they can lift things much heavier than them. How? They do it together! Each ant does a small part and collectively they achieve big things. That's the magic of teamwork.

But why is teamwork important? It's because when we work together, we can do more than we can alone. We can learn from each other, help each other, and achieve more. Like the football team, like the ants.

Let's take the example of US jet fighter pilot in Vietnam – Charles Plumb, who had completed 75 combat missions when he was shot down. Plumb was ejected. One day, a man came up to him and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!" A confused Plumb failed to recognize the man. This was the man who had packed his parachute. "If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today," said Plumb.

The fighter jet pilot thought a lot about that man who held the fate of someone he did not even know, in his hands. He kept pondering how many times he might have seen the guy, and not even said anything because he was a fighter pilot and the stranger was just a sailor." Charles Plumb is now a motivational speaker telling this story to hundreds. After telling it, he always asks his audiences, "Who's packing your parachute?"

In our life, be it personal or work related, many people have a hand in our parachutes. Are you taking the time to acknowledge, thank, and reward them? It is very easy to overlook the work of many. It takes a lot of people to create a team. So, let's be like those ants, let's be like that football team. Let's work together, let's be a team. Because together, we can achieve more, we can be more.

Remember, teamwork is not just about working together. It's about growing together, learning together, and winning together. Let's celebrate teamwork, let's celebrate us!