

# THE GOENKAN VISTA



#NEWYEAR #NEWSTART

ISSUE #1

THE MONTH OF JANUARY

## WHAT'S GOOD THIS MONTH?

January is the first month of the year in the Julian and the Gregorian calendar that consists of 31 days. It is considered the coldest month of the year in most of the Northern Hemisphere and the warmest month of the year in most of the Southern Hemisphere.

January starts on the same day of the week as October and ends on the same day of the week as February and October in common years.

During leap years, January starts on the same day of the week as April and July, and ends on the same day of the week as July. The birthstone for January is the garnet which symbolizes constancy.

<https://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/months/january.html>

## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. **IBDP (12TH GRADE) CAS TRIP**
2. **CS1 ELOCUTION COMPETITION**
3. **CS1 TRIP TO JAIPUR**
4. **CS1 SOLO TRACK SINGING COMPETITION**
5. **BOARDERS' TRIP TO SIRIFORT AUDITORIUM**

# SPORTS SECTION

## IGCSE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT (UNDER-16)

To conclude this splendid year of 2016 on a good note, the students of IGCSE organized the first Under-16 basketball tournament from 15th to 17th of December.

It was a three day long event, consisting of multiple matches on each day. Mr Rajiv Mishra, media professional and founder of Electronic Media Rating Council of India, inaugurated the event which was followed by welcoming the participating teams from Shalom Hills International, Suncity, DPS Sushant Lok, Bal Bharti, Shri Ram Aravali and Shikshantar School.

The three day event witnessed elimination of certain teams while the others strived for as long as possible to qualify for the finals. A total of eight schools competed against each other. Each school had brought along their best Under-16 boys and girls to showcase a vast amount of talent out on the courts! Whether the teams won or not, they were all winners and deserved accolades for their participation! Each player's hard work and dedication was truly commendable. Mr. Kazutada Kobayashi (CEO of Canon Ltd India) was the chief guest of the closing ceremony.

**Sports Department**



**Stills from the event**

## STUDENT EXPERIENCE (13TH FOUNDER'S DAY)

On a chilly day in November, I had the distinct privilege of attending and participating in GD Goenka World School's 13<sup>th</sup> Founder's day. An event of extreme pomp and flair, it symbolizes the day when the school's official construction began. Of course having been in the school for almost 10 years now, I had seen my share of Founder's Days. However, this one was different. Being the last Founder's day I would be attending meant that there was a certain air of nostalgia about it and being the Deputy Head Boy, I was offered the chance to speak at the event. I took the role of introducing the chief guest, Mr. Arun Bhatia, who is a pioneer in sustainable development and it was really an honour to speak with him and listen to his rather profound and thought provoking speech. Despite the fog and cold weather, it was a nice event which the school enjoyed thoroughly. With this being the last Founders' day I was set to attend, it was a good one to end upon. The cake was exceedingly enjoyable to eat as usual which marked the end to this event.

**Abhinav Sharma (IB student)**



Stills from the Founder's Day



## CAS TRIP TO DHAUJ (GRADE 12) (9TH TO 11TH DECEMBER 2016)

The students of IBDP Grade 12 went for their CAS Trip to Camp Wild, Dhauj. On the first day, they took initiative and performed a Cleanliness Drive by visiting the nearby village and collecting waste. After that, they enthusiastically participated in various ice-breaker activities. They also did the "Survival Walk" at night with all lights switched off within the campus which helped in learning how to adapt under such circumstances. They proved to be risk-takers by doing activities like rock-climbing, rappelling and zip-lining, that completed the criterion of action, on the second and third day. They developed their natural curiosity by behaving like inquirers during the Rope and Obstacle course. The students worked together effectively during the cooking activity as they peeled and chopped vegetables. They demonstrated their team spirit once again along with a sense of adventure by cycling for 8 kms on a foggy morning, by working well with each other. On the way back to camp, they visited an Animal farm and showed empathy, compassion and respect towards the animals by donating funds for their cause. To offset the carbon footprints used during the camp they planted rubber plant trees and learnt about environmental issues of local as well as global significance. All the activities were thoroughly enjoyed and the students collaborated well with each other. It was a meaningful trip with fond memories for all those who participated.

**Sonia Kochhar (CAS Department)**



Students cooking together



Students during the rock-climbing activity



A still from the trip's last day

## WORKSHOP ON PEER PRESSURE (20TH JANUARY 2017)

On the 20TH of January, a workshop on Peer pressure took place for our IGCSE students. The aim of the workshop was to help the students to understand and recognize the effects of peer pressure and to develop the skills to resist the temptation. The counsellor, Special Educator, teachers and students came together and had an interactive session on the same. The different types of peer pressure were discussed (Positive vs Negative, Internal vs External.) Students were given situations wherein they had to decide what type of peer pressure was taking place. The students and teachers went on to share real life examples and the best ways they dealt or would deal in those situations.

The following topics were covered in the presentation: Effects of positive peer pressure (feedback and advice), effects of negative peer pressure (getting influenced and doing something that you are not comfortable with or have never done before), how at times these different types of peer pressure can be expressed in several ways-as a friendly suggestion, as a threat etc.

This interactive session concluded with ways in which one can plan and prepare for possible pressure situations. The students seemed to have enjoyed this session and shared that it was a useful topic that they could easily relate to.

**School Counseling Department**



Stills from the event



# PLANET IG

## SPECIAL ASSEMBLY (DANCE & MUSIC) (24TH JANUARY 2017)

On the 24th of January, 2017, the Activity Department presented a programme on music and dance for the students of Grade 9. Anisha Neogi of Grade 9 sang a solo 'All of me' harmoniously. This was followed by a heartwarming recital by the violin students Gurudutt, Aniket Agarwal, Syed Usman, and Ryanur, under the able guidance of Mr. Brijpal. The performance was on the Hindi song "Hare Rama Hare Krishna", The two-minute event won many hearts. The Dance School performance by Grade 9 students depicted 'Woman Empowerment,' with great poise and elegance. To conclude, the overall display of talent and enthusiasm was commendable and the audience enjoyed this short and crisp engagement.

**Music Department**



Stills from the assembly

## CLAY WORKSHOP (31TH JANUARY AND 2ND FEBRUARY 2017)

Eager hands and excited faces were seen in the Senior Art Room when a group of pupils of Grade 9 came together to make small pinch pot animals. They were instructed via a demonstration and then they began fashioning their own ideas of the little fish or tortoise. The method included attaching two similar sized pinch pots by trapping the air inside. Then, the shape of the fish/tortoise was made, following the attaching of fins, eyes and tails etc. This demonstration happened over two sessions to encourage students to add embellishments, and incise designs on the surfaces.

**T. Chatterji (Visual Arts Department)**



Work of the students





Stills from the trip

## EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO JAIPUR

The pupils of Middle School recently went to Jaipur for an educational trip. Excitement was palpable as the chattering pupils found their foggy way to school and thereafter boarded the buses...they were off!

A quick stop for delicious lunch and then onwards to the Pink City. A visit to the magnificent Amber Fort rounded up a busy day really well. The students were enlightened about the origins and the purpose of the fabulous structure. The evening back at their hotel, Crowne Plaza, was filled with dance and entertainment.

The next day, both the brave and the non-athletic faced the outdoor adventures with determination and joy. After lunch and packing up every stray sock, the pupils were reluctantly ready to return to school after a hectic but happy outing.

### Students' views on the fruitful trip to Jaipur:

It was really an exciting trip, which I enjoyed very much. From the bus ride to the historic fort of Amber and from having a good time with my friends to eating delicious food, It was a memorable adventure that I would always remember.

**Jusjeev (8B)**

The Jaipur trip was memorable with a lot of amusement, fun, adventure and of course, our teachers and friends. It was a joyful experience for all of us. There were good facilities available. Visiting the beautiful Amber Fort was a wonderful experience.

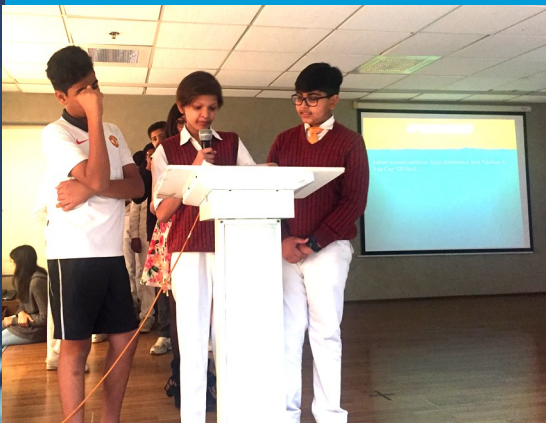
**Gaurika Mohan (7C)**



Winners of the competition with their teachers

## INTER-CLASS ENGLISH ELOCUTION COMPETITION (29TH NOVEMBER 2016)

Elocution refers to one's capacity of communicating with others, with the use of exact speech and gestures. Furthermore, elocution is also the foundation of effective communication skills. Keeping this in mind, the 'Inter- Class English Elocution Competition' was conducted for Grade 7 on Tuesday, November 29th, 2016. The topic for the competition was 'Wit and Humor'. All participants performed exceptionally well, winning accolades from one and all present.



Still from the assembly

Winners of the competition were:

1. First position - Rajsi (7A)
2. Second position - Gaurika Mohan (7C)
3. Third position - Mehak Kochhar (7A)
4. Consolation prize - Adi Mishra and Dipanita Singhal (7C)

**English Department**

## CLASS 7C ASSEMBLY (7TH DECEMBER 2016)

With 'Positivity' as the theme, 7C students showcased their interpretations of the same during their Assembly on 7th of December, 2016. There was a role play related to positivity by Jasmine and Gaurika followed by quotes on optimism. Jasmine was the epitome of positivity and Gaurika was the perfect negative foil for Jasmine. The innovative and expressive performances by the pupils provided food for thought for the audience. This was followed by a soulful song sung by Shashank, Vansh, Chirag, Gaurika and Jasmine, winning hearts of one and all present. Our new Head of Middle School, Dr. Manisha Mehta addressed the gathering and appreciated the effort put in by the students, as well as the Form Tutor, Ms. Priya Mahendru. The Assembly concluded with the National Anthem.

**Priya Mahendru (Form Tutor)**



Amishi Khanna



Yewon Park



Christina Paonam



Shashank Kataria



Jana Shamira



Deeya Brahmabatt



## SOLO TRACK SINGING COMPETITION (23RD DECEMBER 2016)

A calendared event, English solo track singing competition was conducted on 23rd November 28, 2016, for Middle School students by the Western Music Department with Mr. Sameer Minz as the LRP. There were 11 enthusiastic competitors. The audience too was equally energetic and generous with their applause in appreciation for every performance they witnessed. The capable judges, Mrs. Trina Chatterji and Mr. Francis, were very impartial in their judgment. Out of the 11 participants, 6 of them scored enough points for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd position with ties in each position. The results are as follows:

1st : Yewon Park (6A); Amishi Khanna (7B)

2nd : Christina Paonam (6B); Shashank Kataria (7C)

3rd : Deeya Brahmabatt (8A); Jana Shamira (8B)

We, on behalf of the Music Department, thank the judges and all the teachers for their help and support to make the event a success.

Congratulations to all the winners and the participants who had taken part in the competition!

**Francis Xavier & Sameer Minz  
(Department of Western Music)**

## STUDENT SECTION

### SPANISH ARTICLE : LAS COMIDAS Y BEBIDAS DE ESPAÑA

Hola! Me llamo Minyeong Kim y soy una estudiante . Voy a hablar sobre comidas y bebidas en España.

Para empezar, España es uno de esos países en que el placer de visitarlo no solamente se basa en el turismo sino en la gastronomía, ya que cuenta con diversas bebidas típicas y comidas que son ideales para disfrutar. En España la comida es el centro de cualquier actividad social, sea con familia, amigos o en el trabajo, y es una de las principales atracciones de cualquier turista por su variedad, calidad y buen precio.

En España , hay muchas variedades de comidas que me gustaría comer. Mi comida favorita es churros!Es popular tomarlos para desayunar o para merendar y, por supuesto, acompañados de un chocolate caliente.También, a mi madre le gusta cocinar paella .Hay una gran variedad de versiones. Además, gazpacho y tortilla de patata son muy famosos en este país. Gazpacho es una sopa fría tradicional que se puede encontrar en diferentes regiones de España.

Cuando era pequeño, mis padres compraban muchos comidas españolas y eran muy deliciosas! Creo que los españoles tienen la costumbre de ir de tapas. Pienso que es normalmente menos formal . Es fantástico que sea más económico que un restaurante.

Hay bebidas que debemos probar una vez en la vida como por ejemplo la sangría. Sin embargo beberé bebidas alcohólicas después cinco años .Mis padres dijeron que la edad legal para consumir alcohol es 16 años para consumir vino o cerveza y 18 para el resto de las bebidas alcohólicas. Tinto de verano es una bebida típica española, es una mezcla de vino tinto y limonada. La bebida por excelencia en España es el vino.También cerveza es la más bebida.

La bebida que es no alcohólicas ,la horxata, es una de las bebidas más refrescantes. También hay el granizado : jugo de naranja o limón, o café con hielo machacado en máquinas centrífugas grandes. Azucarado, congelado y barato.

Es excelente que hay buenas comidas y bebidas en España. Comida es mi vida por eso viajaré a España y comeré comidas española con mis amigos en año próximo!

**Minyeong Kim (IGCSE student)**

# STUDENT SECTION

## ENGLISH TRANSLATION : FOODS AND DRINKS OF SPAIN

Hello! My name is Minyeong Kim and I am a student. I'm going to talk about food and drinks of Spain.

To begin with, Spain is one of those countries where the pleasure of visiting is not only based on tourism but also on gastronomy, as it has several typical drinks and meals that are ideal to enjoy. In Spain, food is the center of any social activity, whether with family, friends or at work, and is one of the main attractions of any tourist for its variety, quality and good price.



In Spain, there are many varieties of foods that I would like to eat. My favorite food is churros! It is popular to have them for breakfast or for lunch and of course, accompanied by hot chocolate. Also, my mother likes to cook Paella. There are a variety of versions. Also, Gazpacho and potato omelette are very famous in this country. Gazpacho is a traditional cold soup that can be found in different regions of Spain.

When I was little, my parents bought many Spanish meals and they were very delicious! I think the Spaniards have a habit of going for tapas. I think it's usually less formal. It's great as its cheaper than a restaurant.

There are drinks that we should try once in a lifetime such as the Sangria. However, I will drink alcohol after five years. My parents said that the legal age to consume alcohol is 16 years to consume wine or beer, and 18 for the rest of the alcoholic beverages. Tinto de verano is a typical Spanish drink, it is a mixture of red wine and lemonade. An excellent drink in Spain is the Vino. Also beer is the most popular drink.

The drink that is non-alcoholic, the Horxata, is one of the most refreshing drinks. There is also the Granizado: orange or lemon juices, or coffee with ice crushed in large centrifugal machines. Sugary, frozen and cheap.

It is great that there are good foods and drinks in Spain. Food is my life so I will travel to Spain and eat Spanish meals with my friends next year!

**Minyeong Kim (IGCSE student)**

## TEACHER SECTION

### STORY : THE BIGGEST REWARD

It was a fine, sunny morning when Disha was sitting on a rocking chair, dosing in depression. She was actually going down the memory lane of the past few years in school when she was working as a teacher. Oh! How her geography classes were filled with humor and competition. The children would eagerly compete to share information and Disha would fondly smile and appreciate them. They would all surround her for her stories about different places. While she was still lost in her memories, a small shadow engulfed her and a pair of arms wound around her. She looked up and was pleasantly surprised, "Aayush! What a surprise! When did you come? Where have you been?", she started in excitement. "Relax Ms. Disha! I am here to see you! I have been missing you for a long time." The two of them sat together, recounting the days in school, when Disha would enter the class for the geography lessons and Aayush would hide in some corner because he didn't like it. He would make mischief, disturb the whole class, end up irritating Ms. Disha and then get a scolding from her. Today, he feels gratified towards her for all she taught him, helping him greatly in his career. Looking at his love for her and feeling the warmth of his affection, Disha was overwhelmed and felt as if she had just received a lifetime reward.

**Sunita Agarwal**

## FESTIVE SPECIAL

### REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS (25TH JANUARY)

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2017 our school celebrated the 68<sup>th</sup> Republic Day. The stage was set for a grand display of talent. Diya and Keerath of Grade 11 anchored the programme with confidence and grace. The event commenced with the hoisting of the tricolor flag and the National Anthem. The School Choir took over by singing 'We shall overcome' in unison. The Violin School enchanted the audience by their rendition of A. R. Rahman's 'Jai Ho'. A well choreographed, semi-classical dance was performed by the energetic young pupils of the IBPYP programme. Next, the students of the MYP and IGCSE programmes presented a heart-warming performance on the 'Empowerment of Women'. Finally, the encouraging words of appreciation by the Deputy Headmaster brought many smiles of satisfaction on a job well done.

**S. Chatterji (Visual Arts Department)**

## BOARDER SECTION

### VISIT TO SIRIFORT AUDITORIUM FOR TED<sup>x</sup> TALK (4TH DECEMBER 2016)

Around fifteen Boarders were provided with the wonderful opportunity of attending the TED<sup>x</sup> Talk at SiriFort Auditorium on Sunday, 4th of December.

**Ted Talks** is an incredible new staple in the modern global-sphere of learning. The talk was given by Anand Gupta, an NRI whose efforts resulted in the **Juvenile Justice Bill** being finally passed through the Indian Parliament, underlined the value of perseverance. Also, a very inspiring talk was delivered by retired Wing commander Anupama Joshi, who reiterated that, 'Give women the wings to fly, and they will carve a path for themselves'. These were among the many eye-opening talks delivered by eminent personalities from all the walks of life. The messages from the wide range of speakers were invaluable and inspired creativity and determination in the students.

The event concluded at around 9 pm and was an enriching experience for the Goenkan Boarders who started craving for many more similar experiences in the future.

**Ruma Malhotra (Boarding Department)**

### CONNECTING CLASSROOMS THROUGH LIBRARIES (16TH DECEMBER 2016)

On 16th December 2016, the students of European International School (in Ho-Chi-Min city, Vietnam) and the students of G. D. Goenka World School (Grade V) exchanged learning experiences using Skype as a tool. They talked on the curriculum content of 'Government'. Excitement and curiosity ruled the session as they discussed the differences between the government present in Vietnam and in India. They were eager to ask questions not only on governments, but also on religion, festivals and culture. Libraries at GDGWS are instrumental in opening windows to the world, enabling students and teachers to exchange information and resources with others.

**Madhu Bhargava (Dean of Libraries)**

## LIBRARY SECTION

Students during the session



## NEXT CHANGE

# PYP STUDENT LED CONFERENCE 18TH FEBRUARY

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