

THE GOENKAN VISTA

It's february...



WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT THIS MONTH?

February is the second month of the year in our modern day Gregorian calendar. It is the year's shortest month with only 28 days in common years and 29 days in leap years.

February starts on the same day of the week as March and November in common years. During leap years, February starts on the same day of the week as August. Once every six years and twice every 11 years, the month of February will have only four full seven-day weeks, where the first day of the month starts on a Sunday and ends on a Saturday. Its birth flower is the violet and the common primrose.

WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT THIS ISSUE?

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WALL OF FAME (FEATURING IB)



Participants of the competition with their supervisor, Mrs. Fanda



SCHOOL ENTERPRISE COMPETITION

A team of 16 IBDP Year 2 students participated in the School Enterprise Challenge 2016. The competition is run by Teach A Man To Fish, is a global business start-up Awards Programme for schools around the world available for the most entrepreneurial schools, teachers and students. Students get the chance to gain hands-on experience of running a real business and generate real profits to help support their school or a social cause of their choice. This year more than 5000 Schools from over 100 Countries participated in this challenge. Our team was chosen as the **Winner in the Asia Pacific Region** and was awarded a prize of \$1000.

Our team submitted a business idea of opening a business of manufacturing Handmade Crafts made of recycled paper and other recyclable waste materials. The profit making school business enterprise "Arte De Mano" is philanthropic and the profits stand pledged for economic support of rural women through a NGO. **NGO Action Centre for Transformation (ACT)**, Gurgaon which supports rural women are the strategic partner. A detailed market research was conducted by the students to check the feasibility of the idea. The students did a detailed planning for Finance, Human Resources, Marketing and operations for their business. They carried a paper recycling drive 'EkTukdaKaagazKa' in School and residential areas to raise the finance for the new start up. A workshop was organized for the team members where the students learned the skills of making products from the waste in the NGO. Their product line consisted of Handmade Art products, Electronic Entertainment products and recycled paper and these products were sold through exhibitions in the Markets and School. Business launch, conducting market surveys, experimenting with products, building team consensus, product innovation, business ethics, maintaining financial records, marketing planning and managing human resources was a life time experience for the team.

Anshul Fanda (Humanities Department)

PLANET IB

GRADE XI-D ASSEMBLY (INTERNATIONAL MINDEDNESS)

The theme 'International Mindedness' was taken by class 11 D for the assembly. The aim was to raise awareness about significance of global citizenship, collaboration and also the role integrity plays in maintaining peace, security and unity around the world. In accordance to which we also showed a video where IB students from all over the world shared their views about 'Globalization and International Mindedness'. In addition to this, students of Korean nationality of our school, spoke about their culture, traditions and famous tourist locations of their country thereby promoting their culture.

Usha Kamal (Form Tutor / TOK Coordinator)



Stills from the event



"Children must be taught how to think, not what to think."

Margaret Mead

NESTLE CULINARY CAMP

As the first month of the New Year ended, the school faculty hosted a Culinary Camp. This camp was held in the Central Courtyard of the school, on the 30th of January.

Professional Chefs from the 'International Institute of Culinary Arts' (IICA), New Delhi, arrived and familiarized the Grade 9 students with some basic skills and techniques used while cooking. The Camp kick started with a presentation on Personal Hygiene and its importance while cooking. The keen chefs were happy to receive our equal enthusiastic response towards the presentation. After some theoretical briefing on the Art of Culinary, the hour finally came for us to wear our aprons and start cooking.

Everyone got involved immediately. We chopped, crushed, grinded, and peeled a medley of vegetables and fruits, and used them to make Mouth Watering Pastas, Pancakes and Smoothies. While we cooked, the photographer captured us, holding knives, spoons, blenders and what not, in his camera. Every now and then, we took suggestions from the chefs and they also very enthusiastically helped us. We, eagerly relished what we cooked. Our School Teachers and our IGCSE Head also joined us, towards the end. We gained a lot of exposure, through this camp, for cooking. It was a delightful experience for everyone. We now have our very own group of Young Goenkan chefs!

Alina Mehta (IGCSE Student)



Stills from the event

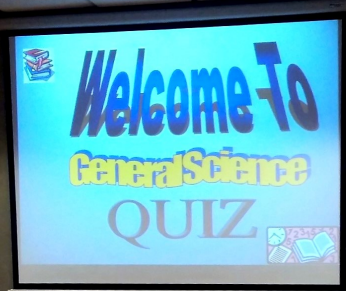


SCIENCE QUIZ FOR GRADE IX

A Science Quiz for Grade 9 students was conducted on 27th of January in the school auditorium. The event witnessed enthusiastic preparation and participation. Four sections of Grade 9 were made four different teams. There were four rounds i.e. MCQ Round, Visual Round, Choose the Correct Answer round and Invention and discovery round.

All the students took part in the quiz enthusiastically. The program was conducted by three students Ananya Singh, Anisha Neogi and Vrakshita Kothari. The program was compiled and supervised by Ms. Anumeha Thakur. The IGCSE Coordinator Ms. Shahnaz Banoo appreciated the efforts of the teachers and the students and motivated them to keep themselves updated. The school encourages positive competition and hopes to bring out the best in all its students through such competitive events, while ensuring that the children learn through all possible ways- not just through books and class-room teaching.

Anumeha Thakur (Science Department)



Stills from the event



CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE

During the IGCSE assembly held on 10th February, students remembered Ada Lovelace, who wrote a computer program in 1842 for a machine that hadn't been built at that time. Marie Curie and Dr. Suniti Solomon, who first discovered that the deadly HIV/AIDS virus had made its way to India, took measures to contain the virus. Science and Gender Equality are both fundamental for the accomplishment of the global development. Unfortunately, girls and women either have been kept away from science, or their names remain hidden as their contribution is not acknowledged. Despite the past experiences, there is hope ahead as more women are making it to college and graduate levels of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths). There also have been stronger efforts to encourage women to pursue a career in the field of science. With such enlightening discussions and presentations ended the assembly on International Day for women and girls

Usha Kumari (English Department)

COLLABORATIVE LEARNING FOR VISUAL ARTS STUDENTS IN THE LIBRARY AND ART ROOM

The 7th of February, 2017 marked a new initiative between the Librarian and Visual Art Teacher working on an interdisciplinary theme for Grade 6 students. The pupils have been learning about Africa in their Social Studies classes. The plan was to bring in the tribal custom of face painting into the classroom so the resources were to be provided in the library. The Visual Arts students of Grade 6B had the opportunity to learn through books, magazines and they were also shown some slides of painted faces of African tribal people.

The next stage was to use the visual stimuli and recreate interesting designs on drawn/printed faces during the next Visual Art class. On the 8th of February, the students were given outlines of faces to paint and decorate, taking inspiration from what they had seen the previous day.

On the 9th of February, the Visual Arts students of 6A had their turn at looking at the material their counterparts had seen two days before. Discussions in class also brought in social practices of other countries and a lively interactive session followed.

The Visual Art students of Grade 6A were also given outlines of faces to paint in with designs and patterns they had seen on the 13th of February, 2017. Just recently the project was completed and the results were quite varied and interesting. The students and the undersigned are indebted to Miss. Madhu and Miss. Manjubala for their help and support and we look forward to more collaborative efforts in the future.

Trina Chatterji (Visual Arts Department)



PINCH POT ANIMALS- A CLAY WORKSHOP

On the 7th of February, a group of eager students made their way to the Senior Art Room to have some fun with clay between 2:20 and 3:10 pm. They were shown how to fashion two pinch pots and join them thus trapping the air inside. The resultant shape was turned into a pig, a fish, a tortoise or even any imaginary animal too.

The students had a fun-filled forty five minutes and quite amazingly worked well within the time constraints to make their small animal forms. Clay is a wonderful medium of self-expression and truly has a calming effect on all who work with it. This could be seen by the level of concentration on all the faces of the students present as they got busy moulding their little animals.

A few eager pupils found some time on a later date to apply paint, under the guidance of the H.O.D Visual Arts, to their dry creations and they came up with very interesting results.

Trina Chatterji (Visual Arts Department)



SPELL-BEE COMPETITION

An Inter-House Spell Bee Competition was organized for Grade 7 on 21st February 2017, in the school Assembly Hall. This competition was one of the numerous enjoyable competitions that give students a platform to learn spellings in different ways. Children participated earnestly in the competition. Their efforts and initiative was appreciated by one and all. The programme was coordinated by Ms. Priya Mahendru and ably judged by Ms. Geetanjali Yadav, both from the English Department. The event was flawlessly conducted by students of Grade 6B - Nikita Marwah, Sarah Damia Zakaria, Eeshaja Swami and Suhana Garg. The time keeper was Sujal Dewan and the tabulators were Alisha Karwasra and Kashvi Kathuria while the slide changer was Vanshika Soni.

Ms. Priya Mahendru (English Department)



CAPTION-WRITING COMPETITION

English Language Department of CS-1 conducted an 'Inter Class Caption Writing Competition' for the students of Grade 7 on January 17, 2017. All pupils had participated with monumental zeal and exhibited oodles of creativity. A picture on the theme 'Sports & Fun' was shown to the students and they were asked to write the captions which were succinct and apropos to capture the viewer's imagination.

The results are as follows:

1st Position: Ronak Rathee and Chirag Yadav

2nd Position: Ritik Kapoor, Saksham Rey and Tanmay Agarwal

3rd Position: Charvi Goyal and Bharti Yadav

Consolation Prize: Priyanshi Yadav, Rajsi Sharma and Kunal Baweja

Geetanjali Yadav (English Department)



Participants with their work

STUDENT LED CONFERENCE

The PYP Student Led Conference (SLC) was held on Saturday, 18th February 2017. It was a great opportunity for the students to display their work and knowledge gained. The student's were seen exhibiting their learning through various media like innovative games, art work, presentation, etc. They were excited to brief their parents about the different stations. Parents were glad and impressed by the way the students presented their learning. Overall the SLC was a great success with the students, teachers and parents contributing towards accomplishing the goal of learning.

Madhu Nangia (PYP)



Stills from the event

CAMBRIDGE SECONDARY 1 WORKSHOP

The Sun City World School, Gurugram, conducted a 'Cambridge Secondary 1' workshop for teachers on the 16th & 17th February 2016. The event was headed by Mr. Rob & Mr. Paul. Apart from the teachers of GD Goenka World School, the workshop was attended by teachers from schools in NCR and other adjoining states. The teachers who attended the workshop from the school were Ms. Geetanjali Yadav & Ms. Priya Mahendru, who represented the English department.

The workshop was aimed at enhancing the skills of the teachers & equipping them to handle challenges of the newly introduced curriculum. This was done by acquainting the teachers with the approaches to teaching & learning as demonstrated by the structure and aims of the curriculum framework and checking papers with rubrics.

A special vote of thanks to GDGWS for this opportunity.

Geetanjali Yadav (English Department)



Ms. Mahendru



Ms. Yadav

WEBSITE DESIGNING COMPETITION

To explore and nourish the talents of the students of Grade-8, a website designing competition was held on 24th January, 2017, in the MSP IT Lab. The competition was aimed at developing the knowledge and excellence among the students through teamwork. Students participated and enacted with full zeal and enthusiasm. It was held between Grade 8A and Grade 8B. Five students from both the classes participated and were provided the topic of the "Seven Wonders of the World". Grade 8A (Akriti Nangia, Atufa Shabnum, Harsh Gupta, Nishka Mittal, Sumer Kaistha) won the competition.

Shallu Sharma (ICT Department)



Stills from the event



THE PATH THAT LED TO NOWHERE...

Shedding tears that could fill a river. I stood there motionless waiting for a miracle to give me back my happiness.....

Coming from school, writing papers for hours really boils you up till the point you go back home and release your anger on that one person, who will happily accept it, your mother. Every second that goes by, you act like you don't need her. Every second you find her annoying and want her out of your life.

Let me tell you a story, one that I didn't expect, one that involves selfless love. Waking up every day to the old crap music my mum liked was like living inside a nightmare. Removing the curtains, she made me see a devil inside what really was an angel. I hurried out of the house to avoid her presence and go to school and return only to see my clothes ready, water heated. But I still had to take out my anger, not realising what I was doing. Making it my natural habit and she making it hers to improve her selfless love every day. A fool I was...

I went to football practice just to avoid her presence. Over the years, she had acquired a hearing problem. She couldn't hear anything properly, that made me even bitter. "She can't hear things", I said. From that day I worked every day to somehow leave the country, study abroad and settle out. The bright face developed wrinkles over time. While I studied abroad got a job, a family but one without a mother. At that point, I still didn't value her.

Only to return after years with my kids who have never met their grand mom. I hated her touching the kids. My hate didn't have a reason, it had become a habit over the years that I didn't notice while acquiring and regret every day now....

In a few years time, she had got cancer. I had no reaction, I didn't care. Over the years my mom was struggling with cancer and me growing up to see my kids graduate. Until one day I received a call, I rushed back to my country, only to see her on the deathbed. I chose to spend time with her in her last minutes. To see her strapped with wires supplying oxygen and what not. I hooked my hand with hers.

At that time she could hear every word, it was like she never had a hearing problem. Still a smiling face now with wrinkles. I had realised what I had done...

"I'm sorry", crying tears filled with pain. Only to hear her say "you were the best son". Dropping my head to live under my mom's shadow one last time. To see her die in my hands with a smiling face. I stood motionless....

Years have passed, every day I wake up and leave flowers at her grave. Not ever knowing that the path I walked at was a path that led to nowhere.....

Luv Gupta (IGCSE Student)

CELEBRATION OF WORLD RADIO DAY 2017

Books, Television, Films, Radio and Internet are excellent tools to promote literacy and awareness. GDGWS Libraries have been instrumental in promoting Media Literacy by organizing 'Media Literacy camp' in September '16 and educational tour to All India Radio, New Delhi on the occasion of UN proclaimed 'World Radio Day' on 13th Feb., 2017.

An awareness programme was introduced to CS1 students during Library Lesson time in which students not only, were exposed to various resources available in the library but were also shown a video on 'How a Radio station works'? They also learnt about ABC (Australian Broadcasting Corporation) and BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) using internet.

Select students visited All India Radio station on 13th Feb., 2017 to see 'a Radio Station' and 'How broadcasting happens' and also witness a 'live' programme' conducted by AIR in which dignitaries of AIR participated on the theme of 'Changing role of Radio'.

Madhu Bhargava (Dean of Libraries)

GUEST SPEAKER OF THE MONTH – MR. BRUCE WEITZMAN

On the 15th of February, Wednesday, our school hosted a talk-session with a reputed lawyer Mr. Bruce Weitzman from Chicago who had come all the way to teach the students the different skills involved in any form of writing and how to write influential reports. He taught them how to make a strong impression on the reader's mind. He also familiarized them with the '5 C's' of writing, i.e. Clear, Concise, Coherent, Complete and Correct. They gained a lot of knowledge from this talk-session. It was indeed very informative and worthwhile.

Alina Mehta (IGCSE Student)

TALK SESSION

Mr. Weitzman addressing the students



Other stills from the event

INTER-HOUSE YOGA COMPETITION (PYP)

Yoga is a good practice if one does it regularly. It helps one live a healthy and better life. Keeping this in view, the students of PYP participated in the Inter House Yoga Competition held on 10th February 2017. The students of all the four houses participated in this competition with full enthusiasm and sincerity. The students were marked on the basis of group coordination, balance, flexibility and presentation of different poses. The results of the competition are as follows:

1st Position - Sorbus House

2nd Position - Nyssa House

3rd Position - Cycas House and Cedrus House

Himani Saini (Sports Department)



Stills from the event



YOGA MORNING (IGCSE)

With growing competition in every field, health has become one of the integral issues among people these days. It is highly essential to balance good health with a daily hectic routine. Keeping this in view, the students of IGCSE participated in a yoga session held in the morning on 3 February 2017. They began with simple poses and ended with a meditation. The students displayed their flexibility, strength and coordination, leaving a message for everyone to be fit and healthy.

Himani Saini (Sports Department)

CRICKET MATCH

The 24th of February witnessed the Goenkan Blacks competing against the Goenkan Whites in a 15 overs a side cricket match. There were some excellent individual performances. The Goenkan Blacks won the game by 24 runs. Kudos to the boarding staff Mrs. T. Mitson, Dr. J. Harrison, Mrs. S. Harrison, Mr. Ashok Samrat, and Mr. Randolph Mitson (D.O.R) for putting up a great show. The entire residence staff expresses their gratitude to the City Administrator for logistical support.



Stills from the event

DRAWING COMPETITION

A drawing competition was held for the boarders in the evening. The venue was the dining hall, and the theme was 'G. D. Goenka World School'. A total of 61 boarders participated. All of them did a fantastic job in expressing themselves beautifully on paper. Prizes and certificates were awarded to all the winners. Kudos again to the students and boarding staff for a great show.



CLEANLINESS DRIVE

"Swachh Bharat and a Swachh school" was the motto adopted by the residence staff and all the boarders as they took upon themselves the challenging task of doing up their rooms, their cupboards and the common areas of the boarding house. Within an hour the kids changed the place on its head. Neat cupboards, clean beds and rooms, even the bathrooms were spruced up. The initiative was a great success, and will be dedicatedly followed every Sunday.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1. COMMENCEMENT OF EXAMS FOR CS1, IGCSE AND IB (6TH MARCH ONWARDS)
2. SESSION BREAK (NURSERY TO GRADE 9) (24TH MARCH)
3. GRADUATION DAY (HG AND GRADE 5) (25TH MARCH)

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