

# THE GOENKAN VISTA

**May 2017**

## What's good about this month

May is the fifth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars and the third month to have the length of 31 days. May is also the month with the shortest name with three letters.

May is a month of spring in the Northern Hemisphere and autumn in the Southern Hemisphere. Therefore, May in the Southern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent of November in the Northern Hemisphere and vice versa. The birthstone of May, the emerald, symbolizes success and love.

The month of May was named for the Greek goddess Maia. She was the goddess of fertility. The Romans had a similar goddess named Bona Dea. They held the festival for Bona Dea during the month of May.

The Romans called the month Maius. The name changed over the years. It was first called May in the 1400s near the end of the Middle Ages.

## What's good about this issue

- ✧ Recognition Day
- ✧ Graduation Day
- ✧ Labour Day
- ✧ Mother's Day

# Special Feature

## Recognition Day

On Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017, Recognition Day was held in the auditorium of GD. Goenka World School from 11:00 a.m. onwards. The event was held to celebrate the achievements and accomplishments of students from Grade 2 to 12 for their performance during the Academic Year 2015-2016.

Awards were presented to the deserving achievers from all segments. To make this event memorable, students performed Indian and Western dances, instrumental music and a skit. The chief guest, Mr. Fahad motivated the students with his encouraging words. The program ended with a high tea for the parents.

Ms. Geetanjali Yadav and Ms. Ruchira Pant





# Special Feature

## Graduation Ceremony

The Batch of 2017's intense two year journey through the International Baccalaureate Diploma program finally came to an end on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The graduation ceremony began with the welcome of the Chief Guest, Mr. Kapil Bhalla, National Director of The International Award for Young People India (Duke of Edinburgh International Award, UK), who was escorted by our Principal (Head of School), Mr. Skand Bali, Deputy Head Master -Mr Sandeep Singh Kathuria, and GD Goenka City Administrator, Major Kartikeya Sharma. The chief guest was greeted with a floral bouquet by the student council member, Kartikeya Sundaram. The show began with an enchanting performance by the choir which was then followed by a graceful, classical Indian dance which enchanted the multicultural audience. Thereafter, there were a multitude of addresses, which started with the Principal, Mr. Skand Bali. His eloquent speech had both wisdom and a message for all members. Tushar Kasitha was declared the school's Valedictorian for the Class of 2017 and his speech was warm and struck a chord in the hearts of the graduating class in particular. He thanked the teachers, his friends and his stressful experiences as an IB student that forged him to be the person he is today. The final address was by Mr. Kapil Bhalla which was an inspirational advice to the pre-college students to their idealistic views of the world.

The most awaited part of the program finally arrived when the Awards and Souvenirs were presented. Each student was called on stage and the Chief Guest, Mr. Kapil Bhalla presented them with their Certificate of Appreciation and memento. This was followed by the announcement of the Best IB Pupil Award –Girl to Meher Kaul and the Best IB Pupil Award—Boy to Mehul Kaushik to whom the awards were conferred. The ceremony came to a close with a vote of thanks from G.D. Goenka's School Captain, Raaghav Goel, notes of appreciation and thanks from the Head Girl, Kaushika Nayyar and the Vice Head Boy & Girl, Abhinav Sharma & Meher Kaul.

Ms. Neha Sharma

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## 9th Goenkan Grandeur-Inter-School Competition, GDGPS Vasant Kunj, New Delhi

An Inter-School competition promoting cultural interaction between various schools of the NCR was organized at G.D. Goenka Public School, Vasant Kunj at the end of April. The various competitions held were as follows:

### Art

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of April, two pupils from the IGCSE Programme, Pankita Malhotra of Grade 10 and S.L. Aditya of Grade 9 represented our school in the Art Competition. There were two groups comprising of two categories -namely Grades 7,8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. The first group was required to do 'On The Spot painting' and the second group was given to paint on 'Warli Chowk' in a contemporary setting. The pupils attempted both the themes to the best of their ability.

### Elocution

On 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 a group of students were given the opportunity to participate in the Goenkan Grandeur. The topic for the elocution piece was 'A Mirror to the World'; the students were expected to present poetry, prose or drama that reflected the world and society. Vedansh Malhotra of Grade 9 and Kamana Krishnan of Grade 12 represented the elocution team from GD Goenka World School.

### Western Dance

The dance presented by GDGWS was an amalgamation of Jazz and Contemporary Dance forms. It depicted the darker side of the human mind which is not allowed to come out in the spotlight of the society and its norms.

The students participated with full fervor and won accolades by winning the Third Prize and making the school proud. The students of IGCSE who participated in this performance were Anisha Sethi, Yashika Singh, Radhika Goel, Saloni Mohan, Ananya Singh, Vrakshita Kothari, Ria Arora, Anika Sharma, Sakura Toda and Nishka Mittal.

### Western Music

On 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 students from GD Goenka participated with six vocalists and one keyboard player. They performed in two categories, group singing with five vocalists (Jana, Younn, Atufa, Anisha, Vedansh) and Rozario on the keyboard. Duet singing showcased the talent of Sanjana & Anisha.

Activity Department

# Special Feature

9th Goenkan Grandeur-Inter-School Competition,  
GDGPS Vasant Kunj, New Delhi





# PLANET IB

## TOK Workshop

TOK workshop on the 'unpacking TOK essay titles' was conducted by Dr. Usha Kamal, TOK Coordinator and Ms. Madhu Bhargava, TOK facilitator for grade 12 students of the diploma program. As part of the curriculum DP students have to write a 1600 words essay, an internal assessment component which carries sixty seven percent weightage towards their final TOK grade. The aim was to prepare the students, with skills to write an analytical and coherent essay. The workshop was very interactive, students used the forum to openly discuss the problems they faced with developing a knowledge question, linking and connecting them to their real life situations. Most of their doubts were cleared, and queries were resolved satisfactorily. They were given preparatory notes on all the six essay titles, on which they have to write 1000 word essays on any three of the essay titles during the summer holidays. They were advised to maintain academic honesty. The workshop was well received by both students and teachers.

Dr. Usha Kamal

### Reflections:

*The workshop on TOK was an informative session where we learnt the basic structure of a TOK essay. We also got an insight into the ways in which we should decode the essay titles and integrate TOK terminology to enhance the quality of the analysis. We were also taught as to how we need to formulate knowledge questions based on the topics given and were presented with the knowledge frameworks that are used within the Areas of knowledge.*

*Parnika Purwar, DP student*

*I attended the TOK workshop for some time, and found it very interesting. The students learnt how to frame knowledge questions from real life situations. The example of the Titanic that was being discussed at that moment as to the reasons of its sinking and the evidence got thereof. The two teachers encouraged the thought process of the students to be triggered with interesting question*

*Dr. Sunita Agrawal, DP English Teacher*





# PLANET IB

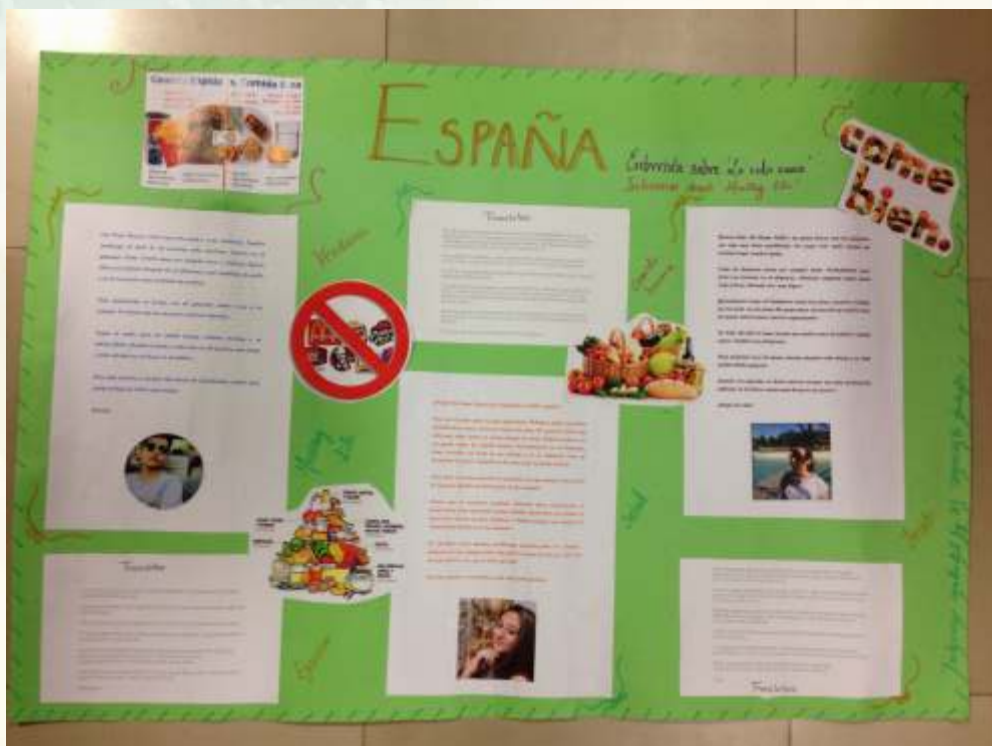
## Spanish Poster Making

Mingyeon Kim of grade 11 prepared an artistic poster presenting the interviews of different students about their health regime consisting of a balanced diet & regular exercise.

The students stressed the importance of having a diet consisting of salads, fruits, cereals, lentils & limited quantities of fats. They also emphasized on the importance of going to the gym at least twice a week and to play sports daily for a minimum of half an hour. Most of them like swimming and playing badminton, basket ball, and football with their friends and family members. All of them agreed that fast food should be avoided or eaten once a week. They also shared views on smoking, drugs and alcohol in daily life and in public places.

There should be healthy students to help construct a healthy and progressive nation. They performed the entire activity with lots of interest and also educated many students about the importance of good food habits, exercise, sports and life style.

Priy Bharti





# PLANET IB

## French Poster Making Activity

Les étudiants de Français B ont créé des affiches sur le sujet « Les raisons de ne pas faire du sport ». Tout le monde a travaillé en groupes et chaque groupe a créé une affiche. Ils ont fini avec 3 affiches magnifiques et les gens ont tant de raisons d'éviter le sport.

Pour les affiches, chaque groupe a dû interviewer 4 personnes et leur demander des raisons de ne pas aimer le sport et l'exercice. Ils ont obtenu quelques points uniques (et assez valides) d'être trop occupé.

Grace à cette activité, ils ont appris apprécier la vertu de travail d'équipe. Parmi eux, il y avait beaucoup de nouveaux étudiants et cette activité était une bonne opportunité de faire des nouveaux amis.

Avec des conseils de leur professeur, ils ont trouvé des titres intéressants. C'était une expérience incroyable et ils étaient beaucoup amusés.

The students of grade 11 created beautiful posters on the topic - "The reasons for not doing sports and exercises" It was a team activity, they got three posters at the end and it is true that people have enormous number of reasons to not find time for physical fitness.

For the poster, each group interviewed 4 people and asked them the reasons and the excuses they had to avoid exercise and sports. They received some unique and interesting excuses.

Thanks to this activity, they not only had a fun learning session but it was also a great chance to interact with their classmates and it came out very fruitful as they now know all the students in the class, old and new!

With the help of their teacher, they got interesting headings for their posters. It was an unforgettable fun filled activity!!

Ms. Deepika Grover

# PLANET IB

## Farewell

The farewell on the theme 'Casino' for the batch of 2017 was held on 21st May in the university hall. The hall was decorated with the colours red and black. Everyone wore their party shoes and best dresses to bid farewell to the graduating batch. The lineup of events included dance performances from the day scholars, boarders and a band performance by the grade 12. Ten students of the graduating batch were felicitated the titles for the IB learner profiles. The crowd roared in cheers as the show progressed to the annual Mr and Ms Goenka competition in which contestants of the graduating batch set the stage on fire with their performances to the extent that there was a tie for Mr Goenka. Gabriela Secere and Saumay Kinra were crowned the winners of the contest. The graduating batch provided the best ending to afternoon, as they all gathered around the stage and sung a song for everyone.

Mrs. Anshul Fanda





# PLANET IGCSE

## Mathematics Week

G.D.Goenka World School held the Mathematics week from 8<sup>th</sup> May and 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017 during which various activities related to Mathematics were conducted. Students of Grade 9 & 10 participated in various activities like Vedic Maths, Sorting card activity on 'Graphs' and learning various Mathematical tricks. It kept students involved enthusiastically. Some students of Grade 9 individually taught Vedic Maths to the entire class. This gave them a chance to exhibit leadership qualities and explore their horizons on the Knowledge of 'Vedic Maths' and its history and its application. Both grade 9 and 10 presented Math Assembly on Friday. Grade 9 and 10 students participated in 'Math Quiz' which was conducted during Maths assembly. It was a fruitful brain - storming session. Students of Grade 9 also performed a skit on the importance of Maths. Grade 6,7,8 also performed mathematical activities using origami sheets and enjoyed learning in classrooms. Almost every student participated with full enthusiasm in these exciting events with a healthy competitive spirit and got a wonderful opportunity to explore the beauty of the subject.

Maths Department





# PLANET IGCSE

## Inter House Quiz

On the 3rd of May, 2017 grade 10 of the IGCSE Program, had an inter-house quiz contest on the topic "Indian monuments and places" The 12 participants worked hard throughout the week and gained knowledge about 'The Indian Heritage'. The participants looked prepared and they showed absolutely no sign of nervousness. As the first round started it was quite easy at least for those who worked hard but gradually the questions became tougher and it was difficult to get the clue. It was also an amazing experience to have the different houses cheering for their respective houses. After the quiz concluded, the results were declared, where Sorbus house bagged first, Nyssa came second, followed by Cedrus and Cycas. It was a knowledgeable experience for one and all.

Vedansh Malhotra (10 D)





# PLANET IGCSE

## Shikshantar MUN

It was a moment of great pride and honor when Yuvraj Singh Chadha (best delegate - UEFA Liverpool FC) and Priyam Sharma (High Recommendation - UNGA, USA) won accolades in Shikshantar MUN. Other participants also performed well.

Three days of rigorous hard work, brainstorming, debate, discussions and great team work paid off. Grade 10 students brought glory to the school.

Ms. Ananya Raha



# PLANET CS1

## Earth Day Activities by Cs1 Visual Arts Students

From the 18<sup>th</sup> of April to the 27<sup>th</sup> of April, 2017 the Visual Art students designed their own versions of the earth using scraps of paper, newspaper, tissue paper old file covers, colored paper scraps, egg shells, pencil shavings, crayon shavings, paint and glue. The students were innovative in their approach and came up with really original ideas of using scrap.

Ms. Trina Chatterji





# PLANET CS1

## Inter-School Science Colloquium

GD Goenka World School celebrated the Earth Day on April 28, 2017 by hosting an Inter -School Colloquium on 'Strategies for Sustainable Earth'. The event was aimed at exchanging views and educating the future generation on the most burning issues of today. Several schools like Modern School, Barakhamba Road, GD Goenka Public School, Vasant Kunj, Manav Rachna International School, Shri Ram School Moulisari and Scottish High School participated in the event and made it a success.

The winners of the event were -

Manav Rachna International School- 1<sup>st</sup> Position - Chirayu Agarwal and Akshat Srivastava

GD Goenka, Vasant Kunj - 2<sup>nd</sup> Position - Aryan Taneja, Aryan Gadhok and Arshdeep Kaur

Modern School, Barakhamba - 3<sup>rd</sup> Position- Arohi and Anjor

Ms. Ruchira Pant



# PLANET CS1

## Inter-House Fancy Dress Competition

On the 9th of May, the pupils and staff of CS1 programme G.D Goenka World School witnessed the Inter-House Fancy Dress Competition for Middle school, classes 6, 7 & 8 on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. It was the most awaited event, as it is always a pleasure to watch children dressed up as different story book characters. The event was judged by Ms. Trina Chatterji and Ms. Rupali Roy

The winners of the event were as follows:

First prize : Amishi Khanna Grade 8B, Sorbus House

Second Prize: Khushi Yadav Grade 8C, Nyssa House

Third Prize: Johaan Riat Grade 6A Nyssa House and Dipannita Singhal 8C, Nyssa House

Ms. Deepti Kaushal





# PLANET CS1

## 'Just a Minute' Session

Reading aloud from a written document is as easy as ABC but speaking extempore on any topic is the real test and challenge for spotting talent and ability in a student.

A 'Just a Minute' session was held on 9th May 2017. This event was for Grade 7 and 8. The whole class of each section participated in it. Each student spoke proudly and confidently about their respective topics, some of which were:

- My biggest concern for the future is...
- How to procrastinate like a professional - ten top tips.
- My worst embarrassing experience.
- 5 sure-to-impress excuses for not doing your homework.

Ms. Geetanjali Yadav and Ms. Priya Mahendru



# PLANET CS1

## 7B Class Assembly

The Class Assembly of 7B was held on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. The topic was 'Be Yourself'. Vanshika and Eeshaja ably anchored the event. The assembly started with the prayer followed by the 'Thought of the Day' and News. A video on the theme was shown to audience. An impressive skit was next staged by the students of Grade seven B which provided food for thought for the audience. Students further presented a beautiful musical performance on drums by Kush Singh and Violin by Choi Woo. Lastly, the pupils with great enthusiasm and gusto enthralled the audience by their amazing dance performance. The assembly concluded with the national anthem.

Ms. Shilpa Yadav





# PLANET CS1

## 6A Class Assembly

The young ones of Grade 6A presented an Assembly based on 'Kairos.' 'Kairos' means "a time when conditions are right for the accomplishment of a crucial action". The ancient Greeks had two words for time: (chronos) and kairos. While the former refers to chronological or sequential time, the latter signifies a period or season, a moment of indeterminate time in which an event of significance happens.

The students regaled the audience with their inputs of news both national and international as well as sports. There was a thought for the day and a prayer was sung with great fervor and devotion. Lastly the program was rounded off with a wonderful dance by the girls on 'Girls Run the World' by Beyonce Knowles.

The International Science and Mathematics Olympiad medalists Nikita Marwah(7B) and Aastha Gautam(8A) were awarded their Certificates.

Ms. Trina Chatterji





# PLANET PYP

## International Labour Day

To commemorate the International Labour Day and to pay gratitude to the selfless service of the Didi's and Bhaiya's who work with full dedication while ensuring the hygiene, safety and security of the school, the students of Primary Years Programme in G.D Goenka School celebrated Labour Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017.

The teachers within their classes explained the importance of this day to children. Pupils in turn expressed their love and gratitude towards them by thanking all the helpers of the school for their support and dedication.

PYP Department





# PLANET PYP

## Mother's Day

Mother's Day is an event to honour and respect mothers. It is celebrated to salute the motherhood as well as enhance the maternal bonds in children. None of us can deny the fact that a mother's role is one of the most important one in our lives and that's one fact which is a Universal truth. No other day could be better than Mother's Day for children to express their gratitude to their mothers.

To express gratitude and dedication to their mothers, a grand function was held on May 15, 2017 at G.D Goenka World School's assembly hall, to celebrate - "Mother's Day". Students of classes Nursery to V participated. Additionally they presented songs, dance skit and a short movie. In their respective classrooms, mothers were welcomed by the form tutors and children. They played games, danced with them and as a token of their love a plant was presented to them by their little angels.

Ms. Poonam Yadav and Ms. Lala Rukh



# PLANET PYP

## Pool Bash

G.D. Goenka World School organised a Pool Bash for PYP students during the school hours on May 19, 2017. The theme for this year's Pool bash was Mermaid and Merman.

Children were all dressed up as mermaids and Merman. They enjoyed various activities like Collecting toys, Spoon Hunt, Rain in the pool, Water polo, Drip drop Can and Treasure hunt. The highlight of the Pool Bash was Aqua Aerobics. It is a form of aerobic exercise that requires water-immersed participants. It was performed by the girls of Grade 5.

PYP Department





# Student Section

## Aekus Kamboj

Aekus Kamboj an MUN enthusiast, who started her journey as an independent delegate has scaled up to Chair UNEP- United Nations Environment Program at BIMUN 2017 (Barcelona International Model United Nations held at Barcelona) and at AMUNC' 17 (Asia-Pacific Model UN 2017, held at Hong Kong). She has been a passionate learner and a global traveler. Aekus has impeccable record and experience in Model United at National Circuit, with specialization on the crisis in Syria.

She has participated and won accolades in over 22 most prestigious conferences such as HMUN 2016 -Harvard MUN Boston, SMUN 2016 - Singapore MUN at NUS (National University of Singapore) AMUNC 2016 Asia Pacific Model United Nations Conference Kuala Lumpur.

### Accolades and Achievements:

1. Chair UNEP at Barcelona Model United Nations BIMUN 2017, Esade University/ Europa International School Barcelona, Spain.
2. Honorable Mention HMUN 2016 - Harvard Model United Nations, Boston, USA.
3. Honorable Mention at AMUNC'16 - Asia-Pacific Model United Nations, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
4. Mini MBA (Mini Management of Business Administration) Era Business School New Delhi
5. Special Invitee People's Committee of CanTho City, Vietnam.



# Student Section



## Social Service By: Keerit Singh

Since last July, I've been teaching at Nai Kiran Universal School, a school for underprivileged children run by Guru Nanak Seva Sanstha in Ardee City, Gurgaon. Located on the roadside, with nothing but canvas sheets above their heads, the school has children from grades 1 to 10. Last July, I began to teach English and History to the students of Grade 7. I've learnt that when it comes to teaching, it's important to understand the student's perception of the subject rather than blazing ahead with their syllabus.

Teaching at the school wasn't easy, at least at first. It took me a week to understand what their syllabus and what their understanding of the subject was like. Once I had a good grasp of that, I tried to come up with easier ways to explain a concept to them, rather than simply reading it aloud from a book. Within a few weeks, they began to understand simple grammatical concepts better and work towards writing detailed passages.

Last year, Kalpana got admission into Rotary Public School and has been studying there ever since. Juel and Vinod duly followed suit and began their first semester at Rotary Public School this April. In fact, Vinod and Kalpana got 99+ percentile in their IQ test held by Mensa International at the school in December 2016.

Even though they no longer study at Nai Kiran, they still drop by every Saturday and I help them with their current school syllabus. Kalpana took up French in her new school, and every Saturday I help her with verb conjugations and grammatical concepts she perhaps wouldn't have been able to learn at Nai Kiran.

It has been an amazing experience teaching here and I look forward to seeing more of my students going ahead to mainstream schools in the next academic year.



# Library Section

GDGWS is set to join the assessment panel of International School Award assessments 2017



G. D. Goenka World School was invited to be part of a select group of schools that are invited by the British Council to join the league of British Council Ambassador schools. These are schools whose management and governors feel strongly that young people in their schools need education to take them beyond the narrow confines of their classroom. These are schools who are willing to share their resources and expertise in a bid to support the British Council in its endeavor. The British Council offers nominated staff of the ambassador schools training and resources to represent the British Council as British Council School Ambassadors at workshops, seminars and conferences. The BCSAs are invited to participate in pilot projects of the British Council and advice in developing new products and services for schools. Mrs. Madhu Bhargava, Dean of Libraries and ISA Coordinator, was part of the panel for the assessment of International School Award Dossiers from schools all over India, which began on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May and ended on the 5<sup>th</sup>, held at Kolkata.

Ms. Madhu Bhargav, Dean of Libraries



# Sports Section

## GDGWS vs CK International Academy South Africa Cricket Team



When the touring C K International Academy South Africa cricket team came to play a cricket match against GDGWS the boys played fantastically well.

In the match, bowlers started exceedingly well. Unfortunately, we couldn't continue with the same intensity throughout the game. As a result GDGWS lost the match in a close encounter by 38 runs. The final score for C K Academy was 163/9 in 30 overs and GDGWS 125 all out in 24.4 overs.

Davis of CK Academy was declared Man of the Match for his unbeaten 51 runs.

Mr. Jinas Panicker



# Sports Section

## GDGWS vs Sela Qui International School Dehradun



GDGWS cricket team went to Dehradun to be a part of the Under 18 Cricket tournament hosted by Sela Qui International school Dehradun, 12 Schools participated in the tournament, where GDGWS students had a chance to play with the teams of YPS Mohali & Sela Qui Int. School and witness matches with the finest teams of the country. It was an exquisite experience for the budding Goenkan cricketers and this exposure has certainly made them much more motivated towards this celebrated game.

Mr. Jinas Panicker

# Sports Section

## Badminton & Table Tennis Tournament

The students of GD Goenka school participated in the Badminton and Table Tennis Tournament held at Manav Rachna International School from 10th May, 2017 to 12th May, 2017. The teams performed well in the preliminary rounds but lost in the quarter finals of Under 14 & Under 17 categories of both the games.

Participation in the tournament was a great means to provide exposure to our students.

Mr. Jinas Panicker





# Boarding Section

## Workshop on Bullying and Group Discussion



A workshop on bullying and group discussion was conducted by an outsourced agency on 23rd May, 2017. The children were divided into groups and were given separate tables to form small groups.

Role play was organised where the children were given opportunities to speak from the point of management and student level regarding various topics that were relevant to their boarding life. All the children participated with a lot of enthusiasm.

Mr. Randolph Mitson

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The new calendar with forthcoming events will be rolled out shortly...

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