

# THE GOENKAN VISTA

## From the Director –Principal's desk

Activity and sports are an integral part of an institution. We at G.D Goenka World School believe in creating opportunities to showcase the talent; find a platform to express their creativity; create channels for them to use their skills.

Goenkan Vista is an expression of the aspirations of the young Goenkans. It continues to give insight into the minds of our students and staff who are mentoring them closely.

Happy Reading!

**October 2017**



# PYP

## Halloween Celebrations

It is one thing for children to know about their own culture, and quite another to learn about different cultures. Both are equally important for cognitive development, and to achieve that, GD Goenka World School tried to inculcate the spirit of Halloween amongst children in the Primary Years Programme. This was primarily to encourage students to appreciate differences in cultures and customs other than their own, as well as to have a fun time. Students flocked to the idea heartily, and came dressed on the day with great gusto and enthusiasm. Costumes ranged from those devils to fairies, and everything in between, the very sight of which was a feast to the eye. The scary skeletons, the pumpkins, and the fearful masks of ghosts were enough to send chills down the spine of some of the older students, as well as the staff members. The students were entertained by a dance performance by the older PYP children, and also watched an informative video on history of Halloween. A truly spectacular cultural showcase for the students ended in dancing to some peppy numbers themselves.

-Lalarukh Ahmed





# PYP

## Visit to Village Schools-Grade 5

The pupils of G.D. GOENKA WORLD SCHOOL visited schools for the underprivileged and shared gifts on the occasion of Diwali





# PYP

## Cultural Fest

God loves those who find joy in giving. Keeping this in mind, a fundraiser was organised at school as a Cultural Fest on Thursday 12th October 2017. Students of primary years presented Japanese and an Indian dance on this occasion. The money collected through selling of the handmade products by children will be donated to the underprivileged schools in the vicinity.





# CS 1

## Say “no” to bullying!

A session on verbal abuse and anti-bullying was conducted on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 by the school counselor together with the CS1 (Cambridge Secondary Program) special educator. The aim of this session was to induce awareness in students about bullying, its various types, its effects, and how it can be eradicated. A highly interactive session led students to share some of their perspectives on the motives for bullying and how it can be resisted. Additionally, students were also educated on verbal abuse, its characteristics and repercussions.

To really drive home the point that bullying is bad, the counselors hosted a mini version of the program KBC, something enjoyed by each student. The session was concluded by reiterating to the students that the school has a zero tolerance policy towards bullying, and that each one of them is responsible for taking a stand against it.

-Arvika Bhakri & Jagriti Rajani





# CS 1

## Special Assembly on Examination Skills

Just before the semester examinations were to begin, a special assembly on Examination skills was conducted by Ms. Deepthi Kaushal, Head of CS1 Programme. The pupils were guided on how to follow the rules and regulations in the Examination Room. There were also some certificates that were distributed for the Prize winners of the District Swimming Meet and Inter-House Stencil Printing Competition.





# CS 1

## Language Week Assembly

"Hindi is our mother tongue. It is a scientific language. In our thirst for exploring new horizons of knowledge and learning new languages, we should not forget our mother tongue."

**Hindi Diwas** is celebrated to inculcate love for the Hindi Language. To gain knowledge on the importance of the Hindi, 14<sup>th</sup> September is celebrated as Hindi Diwas all over India.

The Assembly began with a prayer. 6th graders recited poetry in Hindi while 8th graders performed a play which emphasized on the importance of Hindi as a language which was followed by a graceful dance performed by the girls of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Various activities were arranged to commemorate the day and to celebrate our National Language.

To feel the soul of a culture it's indispensable to get connected with its roots, which are -folk tales, old traditional music and rhymes. To feel the same for French culture and traditions, the French students of middle school collectively presented a Puppet Show based on an ancient poem written on a folk tale, by "Jean de la Fontaine," "La cigale et la fourmuis (Grasshopper and the Ants)".

The students from the Spanish department sang 'Despacito' onstage. There was a role play enacted by a group of students who showed the audience how to teach the basic salutations in the Spanish language. There was also a poem recited with gestures and postures on the theme "water".

The German Department showcased various aspects of the culture of Germans through a detailed presentation on Germany with different cities, food, festivals and facts of Germany along with some videos related to this. The students presented a song also on stage entitled 'Backe Backe Kuchen'

It was a varied and interesting assembly as there was a lot to see and learn.



Ms. Manju Bala-Faculty-Hindi Department  
Ms. Nancy Kandoi-Faculty-French Department  
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Ms. Mahak Datta- Faculty-German Department



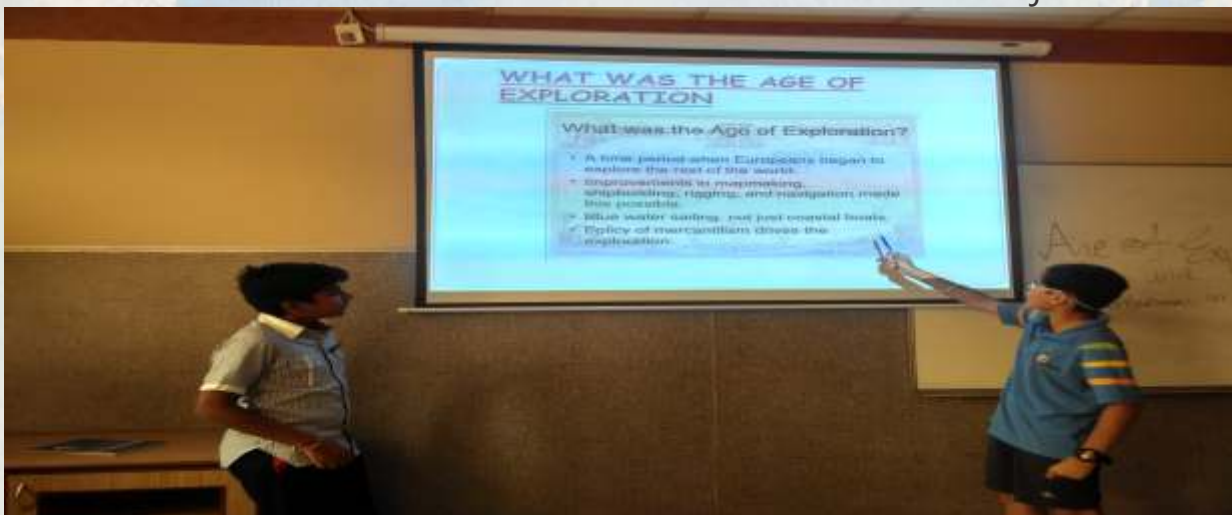


# CS 1

## Homage to the Explorers

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of October, geography class morphed from a boring lecture into an interactive learning hub for Grade 7 students, with the help of a class activity on "Age of Discoveries and Contributions to Geography." Students prepared numerous PowerPoint presentations for their peers, and with the help of route maps, navigation charts and pictures of explorers. Facts and inventions were very well demonstrated and explained. It was a great learning experience for everyone involved, as students understood the motives behind explorations and how they contributed, and still contribute, to knowledge in the field of geography. The activity was great for forging team spirit and leadership amongst students, traits that will be of tantamount importance to them in the future.

-Manjula Teotia





# IGCSE

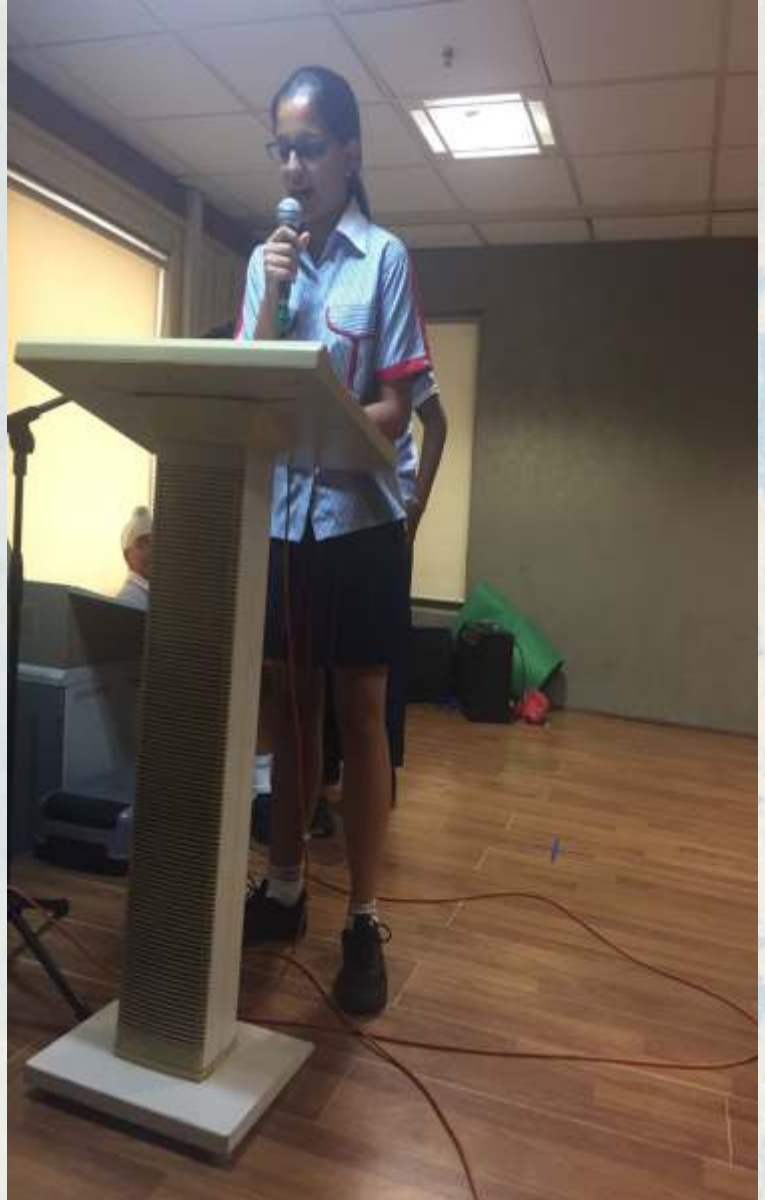
## Languages

Beautiful use of words immensely glorifies an individual's personality regardless of his or her profession, however, that only comes with the understanding of different cultures and human behaviours; language is the greatest tool for it.

At GDGWS, to enhance linguistic skills, students celebrated Language Week on the occasion of Hindi Diwas from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Along with various intra class activities, an IGCSE assembly was held by the language department on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> of September.

The Language Assembly began with a fabulous Hindi Play: " Swachha Bharat Abhiyan" written and directed by Harshul Sharma, of grade 9. It was followed by the super-hit Spanish song "Despacito". A very inclusive and entertaining video was presented by the German students on: "What is the first thing that comes to people's mind when they listen to the word 'German' ". Following up these performances, there was a French song " Derniere Danse" beautifully sung by the grade 10 students and a hilarious puppet show on French folk tale " la cigale et la fourmi (Grashopper and the ants)."

To conclude the assembly, the head of program,, Mrs. Shahnaz Banoo Butt recited an Urdu poem with the utter delicacy of the Urdu Language illumining the event.



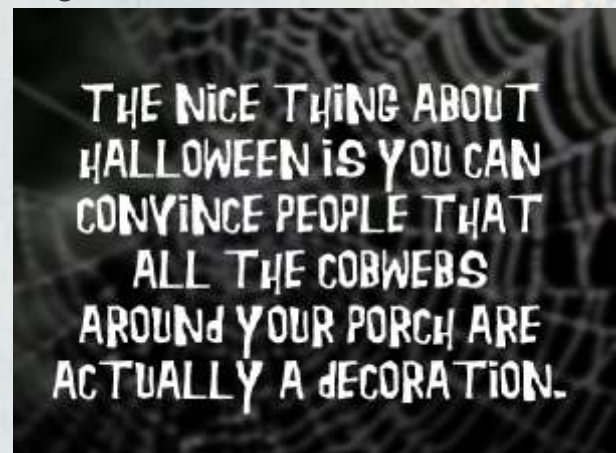


# IGCSE

## Halloween assembly

On 1<sup>st</sup> of November, 2017, Grade 9 students conducted the Halloween assembly in the JPR. The whole IGCSE segment was seated as per the Grade, by 12:05 pm. The assembly was named as the "**FESTIVAL OF DEAD**"

It began with a prayer which was followed by the thought for Halloween which are as follows:



Nidhi K R explained the significance and origin of the Halloween Festival which was followed by a short video on why Halloween is celebrated.

This was followed by a costume competition in which **ADITYA ROY** came first dressed as Blood Sucking Vampire, **OMAR MIR** came as a prankster who died doing what he loved the most: pranking people, **JANA SHAMIRA, KANISHKA TALUJA, TANYA GOEL, NANDINI KAPOOR,** and **HASALEE KANEKO** appeared on the stage as a group of Zombies who are haunting the city. **YOUNN LUKE** showed up as a badass biker who rides on a beastly motorcycle and haunts Texas. **S L ADITYA** came on the stage as a dead Hogwarts student **S L MADHUMITHA** appeared as wonder woman  
And finally,  
**AEKUM KAMBOJ** showed up as a friendly neighborhood Dracula

The best costume prize was shared between **S.L.Aditya** and **Omar Mir**.





# IBDP



## School Enterprise Challenge

Since July, a number of students- 22 to be exact- in the IBDP program at G.D Goenka World School have been taking part in an internationally recognised business enterprise competition. The students' primary aim was to create and run a business that supports an NGO. The chosen NGO was ACT (Action Centre for Transformation), an organisation that works for the benefit of underprivileged women. Arté de Maño, which means handcrafted goods in Spanish, is raising money for ACT by making and selling handcrafted goods. The start-up capital for this ingenious business venture was raised primarily from recycle drives, and business is booming because currently, revenue has increased by 5x the amount of the startup.

The students have sold their products mainly by setting up stalls at Diwali melas and the Nirvana courtyard. There is a wide variety of goods available to buy, ranging from handmade phone covers, scented candles, painted oil lamps (diyas), candle holders, bracelets, rings and magnetic LED toys for children. Proceeds will be collectively forwarded to the NGO at the conclusion of the competition in November. The value of this competition really lies in helping students gain first-hand experience which enables them to understand the market and how to handle a business. It has strengthened the skills of the students who are actively involved in the operations of the business, and generally has been a great experience for everybody involved.

You can help support their noble cause by simply spreading the word on Facebook (just search [artedemanobygdgws](https://www.facebook.com/artedemanobygdgws)) and other social media platforms. To go one step further, you can place orders by contacting them at: [artedemanogdgws@gmail.com](mailto:artedemanogdgws@gmail.com)

-Keerit Singh & Rhea Bhargava





# STUDENT SECTION

## Goenkan on the International Stage

Dhruv Wadhwa, of grade 9, along with five others was recently part of a 6-man team designated to represent India, and indeed our nation in the first ever Lego League European Open Championship Robotics Competition."

Hosted in Aarhus, Denmark, between the 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of May, the competition offered 119 teams from over 50 countries to hone their skills in robot construction, programming, and presentation of ideas and solutions. The competition was made even more meaningful as it was a great opportunity for students of various cultures to interact with each other, thus enhancing learning greatly.

Over the course of the competition, using a combination of robotics and drones, Dhruv and his team developed their own prototype, with the ability to safely remove bee hives from buildings and transfer them to bee farms, where they contribute to our food chain through pollination.

The team secured second prize in the category of "Robot Strategy and Innovation," and made the entire Goenkan family, and indeed the entire nation, very proud on the podium that day.





# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## PYP

**November 20th:-**  
Interhouse Yoga  
competition/ TT and  
Squash tournament  
**November 23rd:-**  
Thanksgiving day

## CAMBRIDGE SECONDARY 1 CHECKPOINT

**November 20th:-**  
Interhouse TT and  
Squash tournament  
**November 23rd:-**  
Thanksgiving  
**November 28th:-**  
Interhouse Aerobics

## IGCSE

**November 20th:-**  
Interhouse TT and  
Squash tournament  
**November 22nd:-**  
Guest Lecture  
**November 23rd:-**  
Thanksgiving day

## IBDP

**November 20th:-**  
Interhouse TT and  
Squash tournament

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