



IB PYP Newsletter July - August 2025

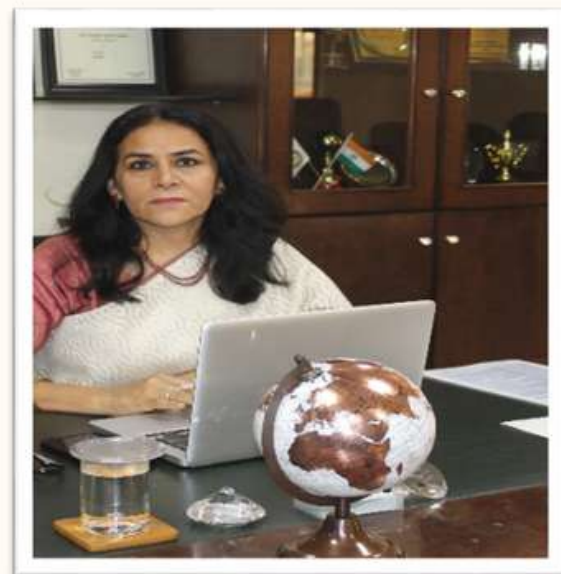
From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Young Goenkans,

Our Primary Years learners have been engaged in a journey filled with energy, learning, and enriching experiences. It is always a delight to see our children approach each day with curiosity and enthusiasm—whether in the classroom, during activities, or while simply engaging with one another.

What stands out most is the joy of discovery that our students bring to their learning journey. Their creativity, confidence, and spirit of collaboration remind us that education is not only about acquiring knowledge, but also about nurturing values, friendships, and lifelong skills.

Together, we continue to foster an environment where every child feels valued and inspired to thrive. As we look ahead, I am confident that our young Goenkans will keep learning, growing, and shining in every endeavour.



From the PYP Coordinator's Desk

At the heart of the PYP lies the belief that every child's voice, choice, and ownership matter. By giving our learners the space to express their ideas, make decisions, and take responsibility for their learning, we nurture confident, independent, and reflective individuals. When children see that their thoughts are valued, they become more engaged, motivated, and empowered to take meaningful action. Voice, choice, and ownership are not just practices in our classrooms – they are the foundation of developing lifelong learners and compassionate global citizens who are ready to shape a better and more inclusive world.



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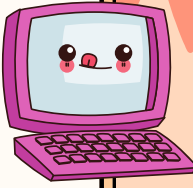


Foundation 2

TD Theme: How We Express Ourselves
Central Idea: Play helps build relationships and enhances creativity.

Lines of Inquiry:

IB Learner Profile: Risk-taker, Balanced, Caring



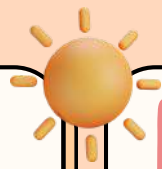
Inside the Classroom

By Teacher Aditi Dash

The new unit under the theme “How We Express Ourselves” has begun, focusing on the idea that play is meaningful. Children are exploring different types of play—pretend play, construction play, and outdoor free play—observing how each fosters the expression of thoughts, feelings, and imagination. It is encouraging to see their growing confidence, turn-taking, and decision-making skills as play becomes a powerful tool for expression.



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Foundation 3

Central Idea:

The contributions of community helpers influence society.

Lines of Inquiry:

1. The roles of community helpers
2. Community helpers and the tools they use

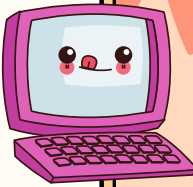
Specified Concepts: Function, Connection, Responsibility

Extended Concepts: Community, Interdependence, Values

Approaches to Learning:

- Self-Management Skills: States of mind
- Communication Skills: Exchanging information, Literacy skills

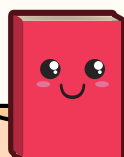
Learner Attributes: Open-minded, Inquirers, Knowledgeable



Inside the Classroom

By Teacher Ms. Vidhi Sharma

The children have begun exploring the world of community helpers, learning about the roles of teachers, doctors, nurses, dentists, and veterinarians, as well as the tools they use. Through rhymes, drawings, and creative activities—such as making their own doctor kits—learning has been both fun and meaningful. A visit to the school infirmary brought the unit to life, giving children the opportunity to meet real healthcare professionals and see medical tools in action. This unit has helped foster awareness and appreciation for the people who care for and support our communities.



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GRADE 1

Central Idea:

Transportation systems develop over time to meet the needs of a community.

IB Learner Profile:

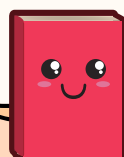
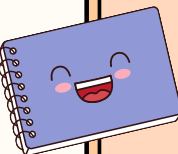
Communicator, Reflective



Inside the Classroom

By Teacher: Ms Kawalpreet

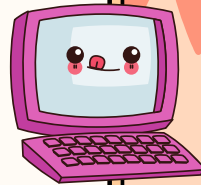
Students explored different types of transportation and their roles in moving people and goods. They engaged with videos, storybooks, and discussions to deepen their understanding of various modes of transport. Through brainstorming and data collection, they created pictographs and collaborated on a PMI chart. These activities supported vocabulary development while strengthening their communication and research skills.



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GRADE 2



Theme: How We Express Ourselves

Central Idea: People express their feelings in different ways for different reasons.

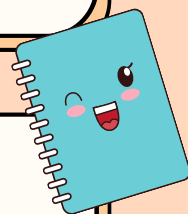
IB Learner Profile: Caring, Reflective, Balanced



Inside the Classroom

By Teachers: Ms Richa and Ms. Ishita

Students began the unit with the story “Nobody Hugs a Cactus,” which introduced them to the concept of feelings. They explored causation by understanding that every feeling has a reason behind it, and perspective by learning that feelings can be expressed through art, music, dance, and drama. As the unit progressed, they also discovered strategies to manage their emotions effectively. Throughout this inquiry, students enhanced their reading and writing skills by engaging with various stories and comprehension passages, while also learning songs and practising dance mudras related to feelings.



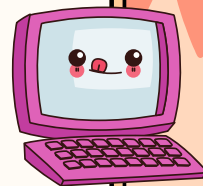
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GRADE 3

TD Theme: Where We Are in Place and Time

Central Idea: Responses to human circumstances and challenges lead to migration.

IB Learner Profile: Inquirer, Open-minded, Reflective



Inside the Classroom

By Teachers: Ms Shivani and Ms Rashmita

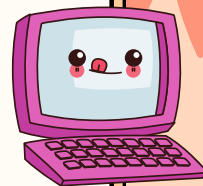
Learners began the new unit with a “Pack Your Bags” activity, sparking curiosity about the central idea of Migration. Through a variety of engagements, they explored different types of migration and examined its causes using the concept of Causation, including push and pull factors. A guest lecture offered real-world insights into external migration, enriching their understanding. Learners then reflected on their learning by mapping migration journeys on a world map, making global connections while strengthening their research and communication skills.



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GRADE 4



TD Theme: Sharing the Planet

Central Idea: Children across the globe may face different challenges that affect their quality of life.

IB Learner Profile: Open-minded, Caring, Principled



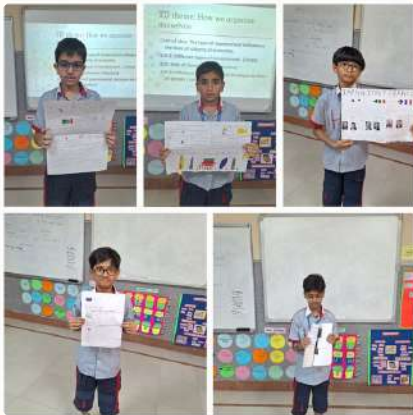
Inside the Classroom

By Teacher: Ms. Harpreet

As a provocation, students explored powerful images of global challenges, shared their prior knowledge, and inquired into the underlying causes. Through videos, real-world data, and case studies from countries such as South Sudan and Afghanistan, they developed a deeper understanding of global issues and their geographical spread. Using web maps and cause-and-effect charts, they identified common causes and impacts, particularly on children. Discussions and reading activities further enriched their understanding of how conflict, poverty, and cultural practices contribute to inequality.



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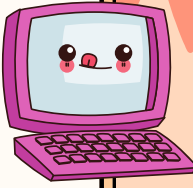


GRADE 5

TD Theme: How We Organise Ourselves

Central Idea: The type of government influences the lives of a country's citizens.

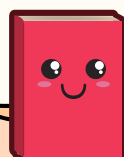
IB Learner Profile: Knowledgeable, Reflective, Communicator



Inside the Classroom

By Teacher: Ms. Komal

The recent unit on governance sparked meaningful discussions on family roles, rules, and decision-making. Students used Y-charts to explore rule-making at home and connected their learning to the transdisciplinary theme. They researched global government systems, read about various types, and debated their effectiveness. Through engaging activities and discussions, students deepened their understanding of democratic and non-democratic systems while strengthening their critical thinking skills.



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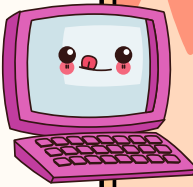


Specialist subjects

Hindi

Across Grades 1 to 5, students engaged in a range of Hindi language activities to strengthen their reading, writing, and comprehension skills.

- Grade 1: Recapped Vyanjan and were introduced to Swar through poems and writing, complemented by a fun lesson on traffic signals and road safety.
- Grade 2: Explored a new maatra through stories, comprehension exercises, and the “Suno Aur Likho” listening activity.
- Grade 3: Focused on reading comprehension, sentence formation, and pronouns (Sarvnam) through Dumb Charades and related exercises.
- Grade 4: Reinforced their understanding of Sarvnam through integrated language activities and reflected on their summer break using the 3-2-1 strategy.
- Grade 5: Developed critical thinking through reading tasks, paragraph writing on the “Rainy Season,” and a musical game to encourage fluency and spontaneity.

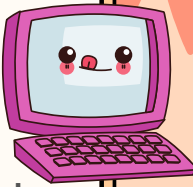


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Specialist subjects

ART



Students across Grades Nursery to 5 explored creativity through engaging, hands-on art experiences.

- Foundation 1 and 2: Learners enjoyed sensory activities, including a fragrant coffee painting.
- Foundation 3: Students expressed their love for family by decorating photo frames, building fine motor skills.
- Grade 1: Explored colouring, shading, and blending techniques to enhance artistic expression.
- Grade 2: Discovered abstract art inspired by Wassily Kandinsky, experimenting with shapes and colours.
- Grade 3: Learned about George Seurat's dotted painting style and experimented with Pointillism.
- Grade 4: Explored Doodle Art as a medium for self-expression and creativity.
- Grade 5: Delved into the dynamic world of Jackson Pollock, creating bold artworks using drip and splatter techniques.

Each activity not only sparked creativity but also helped students build focus, confidence, and essential artistic skills.



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Specialist subjects

DANCE

In Dance, Nursery students completed their performance of "Put Your Hands Up" and began learning a new routine to "Drip-Drop." KG students continued practising "A Million Dreams," blending contemporary and ballet movements. Grades 1 and 2 wrapped up their hip-hop routine to "Believer," while Grades 3 to 5 focused on rehearsals for the Annual Day performances.

PE

Students practised sitting yoga asanas to improve flexibility, strengthen muscles, enhance posture, and boost energy. They also participated in an obstacle course with tunnels, cones, hurdles, and hula hoops, which helped develop their jumping, crawling, and hopping skills.

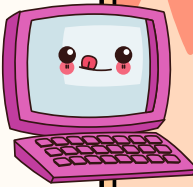


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Specialist subjects

Third Language



German:

In Grade 5, students explored key grammar concepts, including singular and plural forms, gender of nouns, and the verb gehen (to go), and practised using the present tense in engaging ways.

Meanwhile, Grade 4 students reinforced their vocabulary and grammar knowledge through a fun and interactive German version of Snakes and Ladders, making revision both meaningful and enjoyable.

In July, students participated in a hands-on activity in German class. They were given blue and orange strips containing simple German dialogue sentences. After writing the dialogue, students arranged and pasted the strips in the correct order in their notebooks.



This activity helped students to:

- Practice basic introductions in German
- Understand sentence structure
- Improve reading and speaking skills
- Learn through an engaging, tactile approach

The colourful strips made the activity more enjoyable and enhanced their understanding of German greetings and personal information.



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School Events

Back to school

Students returned to school after the summer break, feeling refreshed and excited. They quickly settled into their routines and were delighted to reconnect with friends and teachers. The classrooms buzzed with energy as they embarked on new learning adventures together.

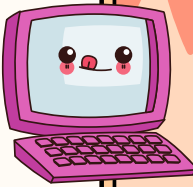


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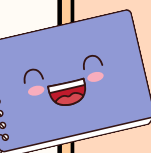
World Emoji Day



Our little Goenkans delved into the expressive world of emojis — those tiny icons that convey big emotions without saying a word. From smiles and hearts to cheers, they discovered how feelings can be shared instantly and universally.

This joyful exploration reflects the essence of Goenka 2.0—a journey where communication is not only intelligent but also empathetic, creative, and inclusive. As we continue to build a community that is team-centric, resilient, and innovative, we celebrate moments that shape our learners into emotionally aware and future-ready individuals.

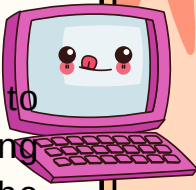
Because to truly Thrive. For Life, we must understand not just what we say—but how we make others feel.



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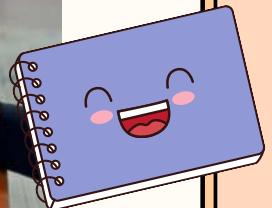


National Mango Day



Our young learners from Foundation 1 to Grade 2 had a delightful time marking National Mango Day, paying tribute to the king of fruits! From tangy mango chaat and refreshing smoothies to a sweet mango yoghurt and honey dessert, our students whipped up a variety of mango-inspired delights. Their enthusiasm was truly heartwarming as they shared their love for this juicy fruit and spoke about its many health benefits.

It was a day brimming with flavour, fun, and fruity learning!



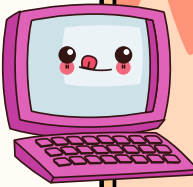
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School Events

Hygiene Day

At GD Goenka World School, we believe that true well-being rests on three core pillars: health, happiness, and hygiene. Through nutrition education, physical activity, mindfulness, and hygiene awareness, our students are cultivating habits that foster a healthier, happier life—for themselves and for the community.



Yoga Presentation

Our young learners from Nursery to Grade 2 took centre stage with a heartwarming yoga presentation, embracing the power of movement, breath, and balance. Through mindful stretches and gentle poses, they experienced how yoga nurtures strength, focus, and inner calm—one pose at a time. It was a beautiful start to a lifelong journey of wellness and well-being.

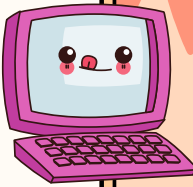


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PYP Coffee Morning



The first Coffee Morning of the academic year brought together PYP parents and educators in a warm, collaborative setting. Through hands-on activities and meaningful conversations, parents experienced the PYP learning journey from a student's perspective, gaining deeper insight into our inquiry-driven approach.

The event highlighted the strong partnership between school and home and celebrated the vibrant spirit of the Goenka community—a wonderful reminder that when we grow together, we thrive together.



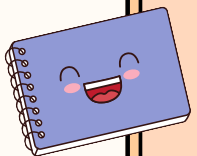
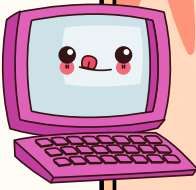
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School Events

Friendship Day

This Friendship Day, students celebrated the joy of togetherness through play! From board games to group activities, our young learners from Nursery to Year 2 spent the day building bonds, learning teamwork, and creating happy memories.



Rakshabandhan



Rakshabandhan was celebrated with immense enthusiasm by our PYP students, providing them with an opportunity to experience and understand Indian culture and traditions. The celebration began with students tying rakhis on each other's wrists, a gesture symbolizing love, care, and the bond of friendship. The exchange of sweets further added to the spirit of togetherness, filling the day with warmth and joy. Events like these help young learners embrace diversity, develop empathy, and foster unity within the school community, making Rakshabandhan a memorable and enriching experience for everyone involved.

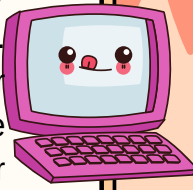


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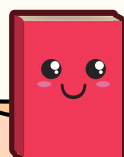


National Library Day

Every year, 12th August marks National Library Day in India — a heartfelt tribute to Dr S. R. Ranganathan, fondly remembered as the Father of Library Science, for his remarkable contributions to libraries, librarians, and their vital role in fostering education, literacy, and a lifelong love for reading.



At GDGWS, the library celebrated the day with Foundation 2, Foundation 3, and Grades 1 & 2, engaging students through stories, games, and creative activities that revealed a library is far more than shelves of books — it is a gateway to imagination, knowledge, and endless possibilities.



Celebrating

THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM

On a gentle, rain-kissed morning, GD Goenka Schools came together to celebrate India's 79th Independence Day with warmth, pride, and unity.

The day began with the Flag hoisting ceremony, the tricolour standing tall and vibrant against the monsoon sky, followed by a beautiful patriotic song and soulful musical renditions by the school choir. A captivating dance performance reflected the true essence of freedom and love for the nation.

It was a morning of pride and reflection, honouring our journey as a nation and inspiring us to work towards a brighter future.



Janmashtami- Celebrating Tradition, Sharing Culture

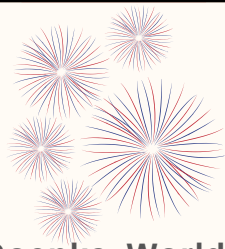


Our young Goenkans came together to celebrate the colours, music, and traditions of Janmashtami.

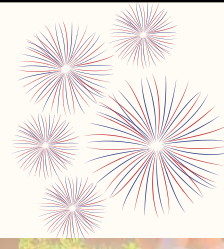
From vibrant performances and festive decorations to shared moments of joy, the event became a celebration of cultural heritage and togetherness.

It was a day of learning, bonding, and appreciating the beauty of our diverse traditions.





Annual Day 2025



GD Goenka World School recently came alive with its Annual Day Celebration—an inspiring evening filled with tradition, creativity, and academic brilliance. Our little Goenkans enthusiastically participated in this grand event, showcasing confidence, passion, and teamwork through captivating dance, music, and enactment performances. Their wonderful displays truly reflected the spirit of a true Goenkan, appreciating and embracing the essence of their efforts with pride.

The event was honored by the presence of our Chief Guest, Mr. Manan Bhardwaj, an acclaimed Indian singer, songwriter, and Bollywood Filmfare awardee. We began the celebration with the ceremonial lamp-lighting, symbolizing wisdom, hope, and a bright future ahead. Our Principal, Ms. Sonali Sinha, addressed the gathering with inspiring words, highlighting the school's significant milestones, remarkable achievements, and ambitious vision for the future.

The evening's highlight was the spectacular production of 'Mahabharata – The Timeless Epic,' performed by students from grades 3 to 12. This grand enactment beautifully showcased their talent, passion, and dedication, bringing the timeless story to life. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our management, parents, staff, and students for creating an unforgettable celebration—a true reflection of Goenka 2.0's vision to Thrive. For Life.



GOENKAN BOARDING – HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Boarders' Day Out

On a recent weekend, GD Goenka boarders took a well-deserved break, starting with a visit to the Museum of Illusions in Delhi. Interactive exhibits and mind-bending optical illusions sparked curiosity, laughter, and plenty of photo-worthy moments.



The adventure continued at a popular mall in Gurugram, where students enjoyed bowling, shopping, and indulging in delicious food. From arcade games to shared conversations over snacks, the outing was a perfect mix of fun, friendship, and relaxation.



FRESHER'S PARTY 2025-26



The newly elected Boarding Council of GD Goenka Schools hosted a memorable Freshers's Party 2025-26, welcoming new boarders with warmth and joy. An evening of celebration, camaraderie, and togetherness — marking the beginning of their journey in the Goenkan family.



BOARDERS LANDSCAPE DRAWING COMPETITION



The Goenkan boarders transformed blank sheets into breathtaking landscapes during the Landscape Drawing Competition—each stroke echoing their creativity, dreams, and spirit.

More than just a competition, it was a celebration of expression, togetherness, and the quiet magic of young minds at work. The joy of creating together, the laughter shared, and the stories told through colour made it a day to remember.



Future-Ready Classrooms: Interactive Panels and IB Online Resources



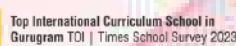
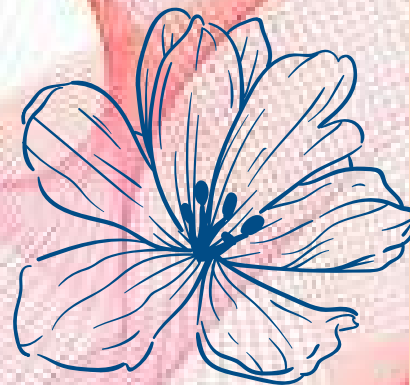
At GD Goenka World School, we are proud to take another step towards future-ready education with the installation of Interactive Panels in all classrooms, from Foundation 1 to Grade 12. To ensure maximum impact, our teachers recently participated in a comprehensive training session conducted by the IT and Teachmint teams, aimed at unlocking the full potential of this cutting-edge technology.

The school has also introduced IB online resources in Mathematics, Science, Business Management, Psychology, and Economics, enriching learning experiences and strengthening inquiry-based education.

Together, these initiatives are transforming traditional classrooms into dynamic, engaging, and tech-enabled learning spaces. They enable teachers to deliver lessons that captivate and inspire, while students benefit from interactive learning, enhanced conceptual clarity, and personalised engagement—equipping them with the skills and confidence to thrive in a digital-first world.

✦ IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 2: Gandhi Jayanti and Dussehra
- Oct 4: PYP PTM
- Oct 6: Inter-House Tennis (Grades 3–5)
- Oct 17: Diwali-Themed Inter-House Competition (Grades 3–5)
- Oct 20–26: Diwali Break
- Oct 27: School Reopens
- Oct 30: Inter-House Spell Bee Round 1 (Grades 3–5)
- Oct 31: Halloween Celebration (PYP & CLS)



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