

# THE GOENKAN VISTA

**December 2017**

# FROM THE DIRECTOR- PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear parents,

As the school year comes to a close, our minds and hearts are filled to the brim. It's been a great year! Together we've learned much and shared experiences that will long remain with us in the years to come. The many values that our children have displayed throughout the year has particularly come to the fore with the successful completion of this year. The strength of our community is our wholehearted passion to make our school a wonderful place of learning for our children. It is our sincere effort to make GDGWS truly a special place for our staff and students. As we come to the threshold of the New year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their support. It cannot be achieved without you and your cooperation. Looking forward to achieving greater heights with higher hopes and aspirations

Wishing you all a great year ahead!

Dr. Neeta Bali

# ANNUAL DAY

G.D Goenka World School celebrated its Annual Day on the 16th of December at the 'Showshaa' auditorium in the Kingdom of Dreams, Gurugram. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Prof (Dr.) Shrihari, Vice Chancellor, G.D Goenka University. The occasion was also graced by Mrs Renu Goenka, Vice chairperson, G D Goenka Group and many other dignitaries from G D Goenka fraternity.

The programme commenced with lamp lighting by the Chief Guest, Vice Chair Person, Director-Principal and others accompanied by a melodious rendition of Ganesh Vandana. The School choir performed an inspirational song 'Glorious' composed by David Archuletta. The next musical event of this mystical evening was a riveting performance by the diploma students' School band 'Strangers'. Next in line was an electrifying and sparkling performance by school's solo soprano singer Sanjana, who sang the timeless classic 'O Holy Night' composed by Adolphe Adam in 1847.

The School's Director-Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali crisply delivered the annual report highlighting the various accomplishments of the students and significant events during the academic year 2017-2018. She conveyed in her message that a school's team of educators and students are the school's biggest asset and applauded their commitment and contribution towards excellence.

The audience awaited with bated breath for the next event to unfold which was a play inspired by the fantasy fiction- The Wizard of Oz. The young performers from CS 1 programme set the stage abuzz with their histrionic skills, sealing every frame on stage with their luminance. The function was very well attended by a large number of parents and hugely appreciated by all.



# ANNUAL DAY



# FOUNDER'S DAY

## Founder's Day Celebration

GDGWS celebrated their 14<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day on 11<sup>th</sup> December'17. The entire school community came together to grace the occasion. The ceremony began with the choir performing on a melodious song "Glorious" and sang the Birthday Song for the school. Thereafter, distinguished guests along with School Director-Principal Dr. Neeta Bali proceeded for the cake cutting ceremony, after which the pupils and staff members enjoyed their pieces of cake and wished GDGWS many more years to come.



# CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

## Christmas Special Assembly, IGCSE & IBDP Inter House Talent Show and Christmas Carnival

The 22<sup>nd</sup> of December was to be a special day for the GDGWS community and it really turned out that way. A crisp sunny morning with children singing carols no one could resist the infectious Christmas spirit. The PYP students enthralled the audience with their melodious carols and adorable dance movements.

There was an inter-house talent show for IGCSE and IBDP students in which representatives of the houses came on stage and sang medleys of carols and Christmas songs. There were houses that put up dances as well.

The results of the competition were as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> position was bagged by Sorbus House, Nyssa House came 2<sup>nd</sup>, with Cedrus at 3<sup>rd</sup> position and Cycas at 4<sup>th</sup>.

Our Director-Principal addressed the gathering and reminded one and all of the importance of the school moto- 'Higher, Stronger, and Brighter' in the context of the future of the school.

The MC Keerit Singh 12C ably conducted the show which was well received by an enthusiastic audience.

The students then rushed out to attend the winter carnival where many interesting activities awaited them. After this the community bid each other farewell for the winter vacations.

Neha Sharma



# PYP

## ART ACHIVEMENTS IN INTER SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

It gives me immense pleasure to inform you that the young Goenkans presented a rich and vibrant tapestry of talent, an extraordinary extravaganza of art which mesmerized the audience at SCJ Interschool Cultural Fest -2017 and Lancers International Festival 2017 in the following categories.



### **SCJ World Academy Inter School Cultural Fest-31<sup>st</sup> October 2017**

1- Glass Bottle Painting- (PYP) (1st position)  
Participants-Shireen Harrison (1<sup>st</sup> Position) Srishti Maheswari (1<sup>st</sup> Position) Grade 5

2- T Shirt Designing- (PYP) (1st & 2nd positions)  
Ishita Yadav (1<sup>st</sup> Position) & Kimaya Sharma (2<sup>nd</sup> Position)

3- You are the Difference – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle (Theme-Go Green Go Organic) PYP- (Two 2nd positions & one 3rd position)

Seojin, (2<sup>nd</sup> Position) Ayesha Dhingra,(2<sup>nd</sup> Position)  
Ritika Karwasra (3<sup>rd</sup> Position)



### **Lancers International School- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Inter School Festival 2017**

1. Poster Making Art Competition on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Theme – The Ultimate Objective of Education is Tolerance and World Peace

-Yashika Yadav (3rd position) grade 4A.

Nupur Jolly



# PYP

## Christmas Celebration

The students of kindergarten were part of a very cute and beautiful assembly on Christmas. The assembly began with a prayer "A Gift to you". After which the students presented a wonderful play on the story behind Christmas. The confidence of the kids was highly appreciated. This was followed by a small yoga presentation in which the students showed remarkable flexibility. Each student showcased a rich and vibrant tapestry of talent. It was a great day for the young Goenkans. The show was highly appreciated by the parents and the coordinators.

Madhu Nangia



# CS 1

## Lancer's International Inter-School Cultural Festival

The CS-1 Mini-Band took part at Lancer's Festival on 7th November 2017 and secured the **2<sup>nd</sup> position**.



Participants of Grade 7 and 8 were:

1. Kushagra Sharma (Violin)
2. Kushagra Batra (Guitar)
3. Shashank Singh Kataria (Drum)
4. Akshat Mishra (Bass Guitar)

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### **Judges remarks:**

It was a very impressive performance with precise timings and the synchronization of the band members. The way these young superstars complement each other's abilities and work together in unison shows their great team-working abilities which will help them in other aspects of life as well.

Mr. Brijpal & Mr. Mahesh Lama

# CS 1

## Night Camp

The first day of December marked the beginning of the first ever CS1 overnight camp. Staying away from home gave students a sense of responsibility and they also got ready to face varied challenges that were set for them. The main learning experience was when they learned to adjust with other students in a 'beyond the classroom' environment and manage themselves. The overnight camp was replete with adventure and recreational activities as well as a musical evening.

The camp commenced post school hours with the students being assigned their living spaces. Thereafter there was a jam-packed evening lined up for them. The students changed into their selected attires and proceeded towards the venue for the treasure hunt. As the sun set so did recreational activities for the day. The students showcased what they were best at through the platform of the talent show. The DJ provided the necessary incentive for an energetic dance session which was followed by dinner. These were the last formal events of the night.

The wakeup call indicated the rise of the sun, and the excited group started the day with fresh air and a hearty repast. After a delicious and healthy breakfast, students proceeded for the much-awaited events, namely: Burma Bridge, Tug of war, Commando Net and Crawl, Zorbing and the Body Zorbing fight.

The Night Camp gave the students an experience which was filled with lots of learning, fun and frolic especially with the unforgettable time that students spent with friends and teachers.

Deepti Kaushal

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# TEACHERS' SECTION

## Professional Development Workshop

Cambridge organized a workshop named Professional Development Workshop for the teachers on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2017 in India Habitat Centre. The training was for the teachers of English, Mathematics and Science Departments. It talked about the Syllabus and Curriculum framework. Cambridge believes that supporting teachers in their professional development leads to improved outcomes for learners. The workshop also encouraged teachers to transform their classroom practices.

Teachers who attended this workshop from GDGWS are:

Ruchira Pant for Science

Nidhi Sharma for Mathematics

Priya Mahendru for English

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# STUDENTS' SECTION

## VISIT TO DEEPASHRAM

As a part of Interact Club, I got an opportunity to visit Deepashram. Deepashram is a home to people who aren't as gifted as we are. Deepashram provides all the basic necessities to the physically and mentally challenged individuals that reside there. This noble venture is headed by Father Joseph. The club initiated a project for 2 weeks in GDGWS. The club collected donations of clothes, stationary and food which were given to Deepashram. It was a very good and memorable experience. I would like to thank my school management, IGCSE programme head, Mrs. Shahnaz Bano Butt and Sports Teacher, Mr. Jinas Panicker.



Vedansh Malhotra  
Director of club services  
GDGWS - Interact 2017



# ACTIVITY SECTION

## MATHEMATICS WEEK

Mathematics week was organised in the lush green campus of the GD GOENKA WORLD SCHOOL from 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Young Goenkan Mathematicians participated enthusiastically in different activities such as poster making, group discussions, relay race, quiz competition, power point presentations and many more.

IGCSE and IBDP students showed their creativity in poster making. Posters based on great Mathematicians, application of Mathematical knowledge in real life situations, Vedic mathematics, and maths tricks were designed and displayed by the students in the school corridors.

IBDP students actively participated in Group discussions based on the topic 'Application of Mathematics to solve crime cases'. Three groups participated in the discussion. Each group had four participants:

Group A: Diya Singh, Kamna Krishnan, Ananya Raha, and Shoa Aamir.

Group B: Kartikeya Sundram, Shlok Singh, Shaurish Das Gupta, and Chang Hyun.

Group C: Natasha Batra, Riya Bhargava, Ansh Khanijo, and Ujjwal Gupta.

An informative session was held and students presented their views in the form of write-ups and PPT. Every corner of GD GOENKA WORLD SCHOOL was touched by this Mathematics week fever. The sports ground was vibrant when the 200 m Maths relay race was held. A combination of energy and intellect was demonstrated by the following participants of the four houses:

**CEDRUS:** Aryan Bansal, Tanushree Kochar, Kashvi Gupta, Alina Mehta, Aniket Aggrawal, Lim Chae, Anton Ridzhal, Ishika Birkhade, Diwaker Gupta, Shubham Mahajan

**SORBUS:** Vrakshita Kothari, Aryan Kaushal, Dhruv Wadhwa, Naman Akanksh, Jivitesh Yadav, Natasha Batra, Rudraksh Kohli, Ibrahim, Yuvraj Baweja, Shashank Lamba

**NYSSA:** Anisha Goel, Yashraj Nanda, Sumer Kaistha, Rehaan Chibber, Nikita Bakshi, Pulkit Verma, Mikul Manocha, Otineal, Jagrit Gupta, Sifat Singh Bhatia

**CYCUS:** Shreya Agarwal, Shubham Tantia, Jusjeev Singh, Arpit, Ujjwal Yadav, Abhishek Kasana, Harash Gupta, Akanxa Swami, Ayush Kanwal

The Mathematics week concluded with a class assembly in both IB and IGCSE segments. 'Beauty of Mathematics' was reflected through PPT presented by Freya, a skit based on solving crime cases using Maths was performed by Nihal, Abhishek, Diwakar, and Aaryaman. Math tricks were demonstrated by Diwakar and Shashank. Last but not the least, three young mathematicians: Nikita, Akanxa and Min Yeong presented a video on Vedic Mathematics. Students of IGCSE learnt to write the counting numbers from 1 up to 10 in different international languages namely Mandarin, Japanese, German, Arabic, French, Spanish, etc.

The spontaneity and enthusiasm of students complemented by the hard-work of the staff made this week a lively and memorable one.

HOPs: Ms. Manisha (IB DP), Ms. Shahnaz (IGCSE),

Teachers-in-charge : Ms.Minaxi (COD), Ms.Minakshi Grover, Mr. Prince



# BOARDERS' SECTION

## The New Year Party

The end of the year is the most awaited and fun period for all. People make resolutions and promises for the New Year. It is a time for partying and the beginning of something new.

GDGWS organised a fabulous New Year party for the boarders on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Teachers and Students came together to have fun. The party began with a nativity play and Christmas carols performed by the primary and middle school students. Followed by a heart touching presentation for students of grade 12 reminding them of all the great moments they had together in the past two years.

Later that night "Mr and Ms. Goenkan" were selected. It was a tough decision for the judges. Karan Puruswami won the title of Mr. Goenkan and Nicole Tenzing won Ms. Goenkan. Before concluding with a sumptuous dinner, the boarders danced together to some upbeat music, welcoming the new year in style.

Randolph Mitson (Head of Boarding)



# BOARDERS' SECTION



# The Editorial Board For Academic Year 2017



# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## PYP

January 20th-  
Student Lead  
Conference (SLC)

## CAMBRIDGE SECONDARY 1 CHECKPOINT

January 25th-  
Republic day  
celebrations

## IGCSE

January 25th-  
Republic day  
celebrations

## IBDP

January 24th-  
Collaborative  
learning and  
sharing (grade 11)

TOK Presentation  
and TOK Essay

## EDITORIAL TEAM

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