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THE GOERKAR VISTA

The Goenkan Vista is an expression of the achievements of young Goenkans. It helps shine a light upon the deserving students of the school.



GURGAON, SOHNA ROAD

DIRECTOR-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we start our journey embarking on a new academic session (2018-19) I would like to share with a great sense of pride and honour that our students of the passing batch have clinched placements in some of the most renowned universities around the world.

Diya Singh - University Of Pennsylvania (UPENN) Natasha Batra - University of California, Berkeley

Our other students are working diligently on their college applications and I'm hopeful that they, too, will secure good positions both overseas and in India.

It also gives me immense pleasure to announce that our school has made leaps and bounds in all areas. Times Education Icons 2018, Delhi (NCR) acknowledged GD Goenka World School for running International Curriculums and has also been the recipient of the IIRIS School Safety Award. I believe that with proper interaction among the students, we shall strive to move forward, as our quest for excellence continues.

GDGWS has been acknowledged and appreciated for School Security Systems by IIRIS: The Value Catalysts on 17th March'2018 at Times Education Icons Event. 'Safety is not just a system or gadget, but a state of mind'. Being vigilant at all times, through our 24/7 controlled technology and physical security guarding the campus at every hour, is our small effort in ensuring complete safety to every student and individual during their presence at the university. We preach 'safety first is safety always' and keep a constant check through our surprise audits and security assessments said Director Principal, Dr.Neeta Bali.



IBDP HIGHLIGHTS

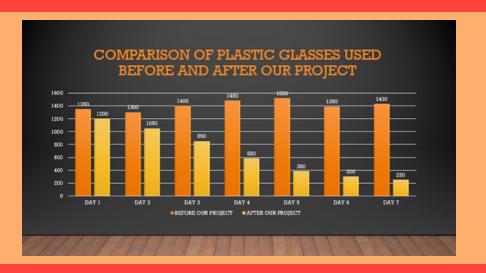
NO PLASTIC IS FANTASTIC!

By: Rakshit Jain, Shagun Goel and Himanshu-Grade 12 Batch of 2016-18 CAS (Creativity, Action and Service) Students

The CAS Project is an important requirement for CAS and in order to complete it, we were trying to find some meaningful idea and went to our CAS Coordinator, Ms. Sonia Kochhar to assist us. She suggested that we take up the reduction of plastic glasses used for drinking water in our school and she asked us to start from kindergarten to Grade 5. Initially, we were hesitant, but as she motivated us we took it up. We decided to take this initiative for the reduction of high usage of plastic glasses and replace them with water bottles instead. We decided to educate the children from kindergarten to grade 5 about the consequences and the harmful effects of using plastic glasses on the environment and at the same time economically help G.D. Goenka World School to reduce operating cost by saving the expenditure done on the purchase of plastic glasses.



Before the beginning of our project approximately, 1550 plastic glasses were used daily by kindergarten to grade 5 which implies approximately 34000 plastic glasses were used by them in a month. Also, the number of students getting water bottles before the beginning of our project was very less, only 30 out of the 260 students. We then conducted an assembly talking about the harmful effects of plastic and what we as students could do to reduce the use of plastic in our school. To make sure every student understands all the concepts, we showed them the video for their age group and even conducted activity during our assembly where we gave them worksheets to fill. Then, we went to each and every section to check and see the change in the number of water bottles brought by the students and then compared the use of plastic glasses before and after our project. We made different posters and put them in the corridors to remind the children about our agenda. We distributed circulars to parents so that they are aware of our project and support us by making sure that their wards bring water bottle daily to the school. All this while we were helped and guided by our CAS Coordinator.



But, after our assembly, we were successful in reducing the number of plastic glasses used daily from 1550 to just 250 glasses i.e. reducing plastic glasses from 34000 in a month to 5500 only. Our results showed an immense change in the use of plastic glasses by the students. Reduction of 28500 plastic glasses each month even helped G.D. Goenka World School to save rupees 20000 each month and 2,40,000 rupees each year just from the kindergarten to grade 5.

ANOTHER EXCITING IBDP WORKSHOP!

By: Ms. Neha Sharma (Head of Department - ICT and CS)

From the 2nd to the 4th of March, Ms Pallavi Chugh and Ms. Neha Sharma attended yet another IBAP Regional Workshop for Computer Science in Bengaluru. The workshop was quite rewarding - it comprised of various aspects of the subject. The person in charge of the resources gave all participants hands-on training in designing scheme of work, differential learning and preparing detailed lesson plans. He also made each of the participants mark the annotated scripts which were helpful in understanding the gap between a teacher's and an examiner's marking criterion. Several in-depth discussions took place about internal assessments, extended essays, and theory of knowledge. Overall, attending such professional workshops taught us new aspects of both teacher and student learning outcomes.



AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT VIDEO COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLS IN INDIA

G D Goenka World School students, Muskaan Kapoor and Manya Chauhan were the finalists and won 2nd Position in the Business of Sustainable Event Tourism in India and the Gold Coast, Australia in the Film Fly Experience Australia India schools video competition organized by Australian Trade and Investment Commission in collaboration with HDFC Credila.

The competition was open to schools across India with total of 539 schools registering for the competition and 355 video entries submitted across the five themes. They appreciated the efforts put in by our students and teachers as well as acknowledged their contribution at the event. Film Fly Experience Australia was a very enriching and informative event that taught us several skills of video editing and enhanced our knowledge.



GOENKAN SQUASH TEAM

In 2017, squash was a part of the Goenkan Trident and recently a team of 6 enthusiastic juniors participated in a national level championship. The juniors worked hard at this sport participated in one of the most prestigious championships, the Hamdard Delton Junior Squash Championship under aegis of SRFI and Squash Association of Delhi. This tournament comes under the National Squash Circuit and is recognised all across India.

There were participants from all over India in various age categories. The 6 players who attended from our school got great exposure and experience playing with National Rank Holder Players. The team performed well across the different age categories.

The Goenkan Squash Team for the championship was:

Ritika - U -11 (Girls) Charvi Goyal - U -15 (Girls) Alisha Karwasra - U -13 (Girls) Arnav Vohra - U -13 (Boys) Saransh Malhotra - U -15 (Boys) Adhiraj Singh - U -15 (Boys)

SILVER ZONE OLYMPIAD WINNERS ACROSS THE SCHOOL

International Informatics Olympiad

- 1.Johaan Riat Grade 6 GOLD
- 2.Vanshika Agarwal Grade -8 GOLD
- 3. Vedansh Malhotra Grade -10 GOLD
- 4.Anton Ridhzal- Grade 11- GOLD
- 5.Mohd. Farhaan- Grade 6 SILVER
- 6.Anish Gurgung- Grade 10- SILVER
- 7.Shaurya Singh Grade 10- SILVER

International Olympiad of Mathematics (iOM)

1.Vedant Das - GRADE 2 - GOLD
2.Dhruv Sood - Grade 4- GOLD
3.Seojin - Grade 5 - GOLD
4.Rik Kumar - Grade 6 - GOLD
5.Unnati Jindal - Grade 2 - SILVER
6.Yashika Yadav - Grade 4 - SILVER
7.Aum Mehta - Grade 5 - SILVER
8.Arav Singh - Grade 6- SILVER
9.Nitye Mogya - Grade 2 - BRONZE
10.Arnav Dhanda - Grade 4 - BRONZE

International Olympiad of Science (iOS)

Arav Singh - Grade -6 - GOLD Rameshwar Ganesan - Grade 7 - GOLD Mehak Kochhar - Grade - 8- GOLD S L Madhumita - Grade -9 - Gold Mercy Malvika Yadav- Grade - 10 - GOLD Mohd. Farhaan - Grade 6 - SILVER Aastha Gautam - Grade -8 - SILVER Anisha Neogi - Grade - 10 - SILVER Akshath Mishra - Grade -8 - BRONZE Vedansh Malhotra- Grade - 10 - BRONZE



International Olympiad of English Language (iOEL)

Saanvi Sharma - Grade 2 - GOLD Dhriti Yaday - Grade 3 - GOLD Dhruv Sood - Grade 4 - GOLD Aum Mehta - Grade 5 - GOLD **Devansh Singhal - Grade 5 - GOLD** Shivalika Dagar – Grade 5 - GOLD Saksham Kaushik - Grade 6 - GOLD Nikita Marwah - Grade 7 - GOLD Rameshwar Ganesan - Grade -7 - GOLD Vanshika Agarwal- Grade 8 - GOLD Aniket Agarwal - Grade 10 - GOLD Kirti Deshpande - Grade 11 - GOLD Nitye Mogia - Grade 2 - SILVER Kanishaq Kataria - Grade 3 - SILVER Arnav Dhanda - Grade 4 - SILVER Namrata Riat - Grade 5- SILVER Tanushree Kochar - Grade 10 - SILVER Ahil Choudary- Grade 2 – BRONZE Valeska Leslie Da Silva - Grade 3 - BRONZE Yashika Yaday- Grade 4- BRONZE Vaani kaur Burjee- Grade 5 - BRONZE Rik Kumar- Grade 6 – BRONZE Yashraj Nanda - Grade 10 - BRONZE

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Careers Office initiatives: Guest speaker - Prof. (Dr.) Ritu S.Sood*-* Dean School of Communication Guest speaker - Prof. Kim Anne Menezes-Dean School of Management Guest speaker - Prof. (Dr.) S. Shantha Kumar*-* Dean School of Law

CAS and Group 4 Trip for batch 2019 Doon Valley Camp, Maldevta, Uttrakhand (20th to 22nd March)

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