

The Goenkan Vista

FEBRUARY 2018

***It highlights the month and
shines light upon the
deserving students from
each program!***

DIRECTOR- PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

The month of February, 2018 has been an exciting month. We had visitors from Wasatch Academy, a leading school in Utah, USA with whom we are embarking on a partnership. The students of Grades Nursery to 5 engaged in an overnight camp, living with our boarders and attempting adventurous activities under the careful supervision of our PE staff.

Cambridge Lower Secondary students participated in 'Karo Sambav' program, a drive to create awareness about disposing e-waste. All these activities created opportunities for our wonderful children to learn outside the class room and actualize their creative potential. We will continue to provide such opportunities to our students.

Happy reading

Dr Neeta Bali



CANCER AWARENESS DAY

4th February, 2018

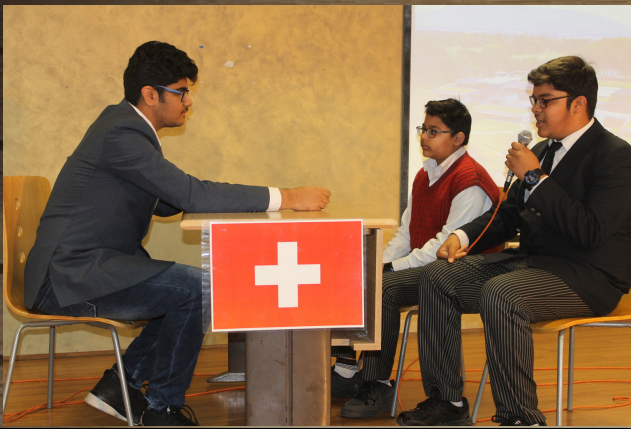


World Cancer Day is held on the 4th of February, every year. It is celebrated to create awareness and to encourage prevention, detection and treatment of cancer. This year, Class XI-E, along with the students of Biology, conducted an assembly to promote awareness about this disease. The assembly consisted of various facts about different types of cancers as well as what 'colour ribbon' is associated with them. A couple of 11th graders made posters as well as stickers of different types of cancers to distribute amongst the students of IBDP. The assembly also included a quiz and some puzzles to solve about cancer. It was a great initiative to spread awareness.

- Nikita Bakshi (XI-D)

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY: WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

16th February, 2018



A special assembly was conducted on the 16th of February, 2018. The theme was "The world economic forum" (WEF). The main aim of this assembly was to generate more knowledge about WEF.

Many of the teachers and students were enthusiastic towards the assembly and everyone came up with wonderful ideas as to how to go about it.

It began with a heartwarming song presented by the choir group. The pupils presented a PPT on the World Economic Forum, later a skit was presented by Grade IX students which helped the audience understand what World Economic Forum is in a more informative and entertaining way, followed by a beautiful dance performance. The assembly ended with a quiz on World Economic Forum and was very helpful for the audience as they got the opportunity to educate themselves about the World Economic Forum.

-Ravi Ranjan (IX-A)

KARO SAMBHAV PROJECT

20th February, 2018



'Karo Sambhav' is a tech-enabled, environmentally beneficial and socially responsible e-waste Producer Responsibility Organisation (PRO). Thier members include prominent brands like Apple, Dell, HP and Lenovo and have set-up an India-wide transformative solution on e-waste management with the aim of making recycling a way of life. GDGWS is a part of thier school programme where all schools also help in raising awareness about ways of reducing, reusing and recyling waste, especially e-waste.

On the 20th of February, a group of students from CS1, IGCSE and IB travelled to DPS, Faridabad to showcase their projects on how best to save and conserve different types of wastes generated by human society.

From G.D Goenka World School, we had kids from grade 6th to grade 11th. The 11th graders who were a team of three; Abhishek, Gamini and Chaitanyaa made a model on industrial symbiosis and how it is beneficial to the environment and our school. They took the example of a biogas plant and explained the uses and benefits the school could reap by it.

The 8th graders debated on the advantages and disadvantages of using electric cars and gasoline powered cars. A concept car model was made and presented by the 6th graders where they discussed their plans of making a futuristic car that runs via lunar and solar energy.

'Karo Sambhav' was a success for our school as we walked out with many certificates and prizes.

- Abhishek Dalia (XI-A)

CORNELL UNIVERSITY'S ADMISSION OFFICER VISITS PUPILS

21st February, 2018



G.D. Goenka World School invited Marc Zawel, the Admission Officer for Cornell University, New York on Wednesday, February 21st, 2018 to conduct the presentation on 'An Insider's Guide to Getting into the Top 10 colleges in the World'.

Marc Zawel was chair of the Admissions Advisory Board and has been on the Alumni Board for interviews and admissions assistance for over a decade at the prestigious Ivy League university

Mr. Zawel shared detailed insights on the following topics:

1. What exactly do Ivy League Universities look for?
2. How to differentiate yourself through your activities and essays?
3. Analysis on 5 Indian students to show what worked and what didn't
4. How to work on UK Colleges Personal Statement?
5. A glimpse into Canadian Universities and how to make your application stand out.

It was highly informative and thorough session, providing our students with a greater understanding of how to go about planning and executing.

-Ms. Aruna Ahlawat (Humanities Department)

INTERACT CLUB VISIT BY MS. LINDA LOURENS

27th February, 2018



On 27th February, 2018, the Interact Club of G.D. Goenka invited Ms. Linda Lourens for an interactive session with the students. Ms. Lourens, national direct for Ribbon4Roses, works for children suffering from cancer in their childhood and helping elderly people who live in old-age homes. She also has been actively participating for creating awareness and fundraising for children with down syndrome. She has been awarded with Ms MWI-South Africa (2017) Ms Magnificent Woman International (2017) and 2nd runner up for Ms United Nations South Africa.

She was welcomed with wonderful displays of talent including Soprano and a dance performance from IBDP and IGCSE students. Ms. Lourens also addressed the gathered audience, inspiring them to do their part as members of society and to provide any aid possible to those who need it. Ms. Linda appreciated the Rotary club for their contribution to the society in terms of education and financial support. She further emphasized on social contributions on a global level. The school wishes to take the Interact Club to greater heights with everyone's effort and contribution in the near future.

- Priya Chhokra (English Department)

EXCHANGE PROGRAM BY WASATCH ACADEMY, USA

28th February, 2018



On the 28th February, 2018, GDGWS was visited by the members of the reputed Wasatch Academy, Utah. The Head of the School Mr. Joseph Loftin has been teaching and helping expand the great Academy for over 30 years and Mr. Graham Jesse, Director of Global Initiatives who deals in global education, business, and various international affairs opened doors for an exchange program. Our Director Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali, has initiated the collaboration between the two institutions to broaden our horizons in the field of education and to enrich the teaching - learning process. The guests were overwhelmed after interacting with the IBDP council members, teachers and students' performances, which the talented IG students had put up for them. Our flawless emcee Stuti knitted the entire program well, which included instrumental performance by two of our musicians, Lim and Guncha, solo opera by Sanjana, a group song by Atufa, Jana, Hasalee, Gamini and Yunn and a dance performance by CAIE students. The meeting was an enriching experience and everyone benefitted immensely from the visiting guests.

- Priya Chhokra (English Department)



PYP

READING PROGRAM

5th February, 2018

Ms. Madhu Bhargav (Dean of Libraries)

On the 5th of February, the 'Newsmaker' Reading Program began with the students of Grade V. The objective of this program is to educate the students about the world around us and to develop them into empathetic and informed decision-makers. To initiate the program and to build on previous knowledge, students were prompted to brainstorm the meaning of 'report' and 'news report'. After an interactive session, the students read, watched and listened to various different news revolving around the 'Lunar Eclipse' and 'Working Robots'. The students were able to figure out that they can recall most parts of the news because of its presentation. In the coming days, this reading program will require all the students to choose a country and take on the role of a reporter. They will read extensively about their chosen country and figure out what crucial information they would like to add to their report. They will then put together a narrative so that they can create a report for the newscast.



"The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn"
Alvin Toffler



PYP SPORTS DAY

17th February, 2018



The much awaited Annual Sports Day was held on Saturday, 17th of February, 2018. The fantastic turnout from the parents and the pleasant weather were the perfect boost that the students needed on their sports day at the G.D Goenka World School. The chief guest of this event was Dr. Shantha Kumar, the Dean of Law of GD Goenka University. The students challenged the day with a fighting spirit. It began with the oath, which was administered by the Head of Sports, Ms. Vaani Kaur Bhurjee. The Director-Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali took the salute of the horse riders and the impressive march. They rendered the spectators speechless, holding the house flags remarkably and posing with perfect coordination in their walk. The event commenced with a tribal dance by the student followed by dumb-bell display from 3rd Graders, yoga demonstration from Grades 1 and 2, pyramid making by boys of Grades 4 and 5 and aerobics by girls of Grade 4 and 5. The track and field events brought a burst of thrill amongst both students and their parents. Once the races began, the air was filled with cheers and tons of encouragement for the young athletes. Students of classes Nursery to 5 competed in class-wise sprint, fun races and relay races for boys and girls. The whole event proved to be a humungous success.

- Ms. Lala Rukh, Form Tutor (Grade V)

PYP NIGHT CAMP

24th February, 2018



A Night to Remember

From 23rd to the 24th of February 2018, G.D Goenka World School organized a night camp for the students of Grades 3 to 5. Twinkling stars, clear skies, cool breezes and fellow classmates for company – students had the time of their lives at their night away from home. They were kept engaged with various fun-filled and supervised adventurous activities. The teachers were also actively involved in the activities, took great care of their students, and had a great time with them away from the classroom environment. Laughter and giggles echoed through the corridors of the boarding as students shared jokes and riddles with their teachers. Our Director-Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali, added warmth to the cool evening by her loving and gracious presence. The highlights of the evening for the students were the treasure hunts and dancing to the music played by the DJ. The students danced and swayed to the lively beats and it was indeed a task for the teachers to coerce them to leave the dance floor.

The camp concluded the next morning with a nature walk around the campus and some traditional games like kabaddi and pittu garam. Several students also enjoyed horse riding. It was a memorable experience for all kids and an event to cherish forever!

- Ms. Lala Rukh
Form Tutor (Grade V)

CS1

INTER-HOUSE ART COMPETITION

Trina Chatterji

(Faculty, Dept. of Visual Art)

20th February, 2018



An Inter-House Art competition was held on the 20th of February for the students of Cambridge lower secondary program. There was a lot of movement as the ecstatic students rushed into their designated House rooms to participate in this competition. There was only a small time slot given so, the students had to unleash their creativity and work fast. The topics were given to them a few days earlier so as to prepare beforehand.

The topics were:

1. A poster on educating the girl child- 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao'
2. A floral design, using leaves and flowers as starting point
3. A futuristic design of a car
4. The interior of a furnished room
5. Birds, insect and butterflies in a garden



INTER-HOUSE ART COMPETITION RESULTS

The young artists came up with some very colourful and imaginative work. The results are as follows:

CEDRUS-1ST-273 points

Chahak Rajawat-8B,
Anchita Malhotra-6A
Dhruv Morya-6A
Priyanshi Yadav-8B
Eeshaja Swami-7B
Avanii Gulati-7B



NYSSA-2ND-267 points

Alisha Karwasra-7B
Anushka Sinha-6B
Kismet Sehrawat-7B
Shashank Kataria-8C
Rajsi Sharma-8A
Charvi Goyal-8B

SORBUS-3RD-251 points

Nikita Marwah-7B
Nikita Nunes-8C
Jivitish Dutt-6A
Aadiyah Bhardwaj-6B
Kamilla Sharma-6A
Seo yeon Byun-8B



CYCAS-4TH-244 points

**'BEST ENTRY PRIZE' FOR
THE HIGHEST SCORE:
PRIYANSHI YADAV-8B**

Many congratulations to the
budding Goenkans of the Cambridge
Lower Secondary Program!

CS1

26th February, 2018

VISIT TO HERITAGE TRANSPORT MUSEUM



Students of Cambridge Lower Secondary and accompanying faculty had a brilliant time at the Heritage Transport Museum on Friday, 23rd February 2018.

The museum has an assortment of vintage cars, such as those used in India since the advent of motoring. On display were over 75 antique cars parked alongside a recreated Indian street scene from the past.

Some objects on display were important as intellectual resource of the social and economic history of India. For example, old lithographs, original photographs and postcards on modes of transportation in India.

A vintage petrol pump created with spare parts and memorabilia had also been recreated, while a special section showcased the role of cars in Bollywood. A film on transportation was also shown, which was very informative.

The museum encourages contemporary artists to design works which allow an audience to engage with artistic representations so as to appreciate the continual significance of transportation in our everyday lives in a creative and practical manner.

-Priya Mahendru (English Department)



CS1 TALENT SHOW

26th February, 2018

On the 26th of February, 2018, the students of CS1 showcased their collective talents in a spectacular presentation.

There were a variety of items on the menu and the audience was delighted with what they saw and heard. The instrumentalists enthralled all with their virtuosity while playing their respective instruments.

The function began with dance performances for the cultural event was an amalgamation of Jazz and Contemporary Dance forms to the music of the song like 'Look at Me' and 'Rang De Basanti' by Aastha, Khushi, Rajsi, Kirti, Annanya, Noor, Aaliyaah, Arshpreet, Anchita, Suraj and Adhiraj. The opening performances depicted the darker side of the human mind which is not allowed to come out in the spotlight of the society and its norms. This was followed by a solo dance by Kaynat Amarsinghe based on the 'Ghoomar' song from 'Padmavaat'.

From the Department of music, the performances began with a solo piece on the piano with great movement and fluidity and next in line were plenty of soul-moving performances like musical interpretations of 'Jab Koi Baat Biger Jaaye' and 'Ode to Joy' by our highly gifted students - Choi Woo, Akhil, Lakshit and Lucky. Kushagra Sharma played a groovy cover of the song 'Havana' on the violin. Johaan Riat and Silin Raj played, in perfect unison, the theme from the movie 'The Godfather.'

The singers, too, had their moments of glory on stage as they sang with abandon and confidence a variety of songs – 'Radioactive' and 'Wrecking ball' by Priyanshi, Aadiyah, Vansh, Sakshi, Himangini, Manya Vani, Christina Ponam, Anushka Sinha, Anshita Kumar, Kushagra, Digvijay, Shashank, Vansh and Saraansh. There were also two soulful duet renditions of 'Jar of hearts' and 'Flash Light' by the ladies.

It was the Theatre students' turn next. Their mime act was a comedy skit based on 'Effects of using mobile phones.' Kunwar, Pranav, Akshat, Shivam, Kashvi, Kaynat, Rik, Mehak and Kaushal with their eloquent gestures brought the theme to life with suitable sounds and music playing in the background interrupted often with the jarring notes of a mobile phone.

Priyanshi and Eeshaja taught the audience some steps on how to make a paper envelope. They showed some readymade ones which had been made in the Art activity class. Lastly, the CLS Boys Band brought the house down with their version of 'Highway to hell.'

The eclectic mix of all the performing arts proved to be a wonderful source of entertainment to an appreciative audience.

Kudos to all the young ones who lit up the stage in myriad ways!!

-Trina Chatterji (Visual Arts)

CS1 TALENT SHOW

26th February, 2018



IGCSE

9th February, 2018



MORNING YOGA SESSION

Himani Saini (Sports Department)

In today's world, given the growing competition and increasingly hectic lifestyles in every field, health has become an integral concern amongst people. It is highly essential to strike a good balance between your daily routine and your health.

Keeping this in mind, students of IGCSE participated in a morning Yoga session on the 9th of February, 2018.

To begin with, they were introduced to simple yoga poses and worked their way up from there to the more complex positions. To conclude, they were asked to meditate – a task they performed both confidently and admirably.

The students put on a show of their flexibility, strength and coordination, proving that anyone can do the same. Yoga can do wonders for your body. From increasing flexibility and reducing lower back pain to lowering blood pressure.

Hence, as it is in everyone's best interests to stay fit and healthy, yoga is a useful and proven method to keep yourself in shape.

IGCSE TALENT SHOW

23rd February, 2018



From the beginning of the new session, the teachers of the Activity Department have been guiding and facilitating the Goenkan students for different activities in the field of music, dance and instrumental. The students began their activity with great interest and enthusiasm at the very outset only and continued to practice with dedication to acquire perfection. They showcased their talent with diligence on the 23rd of February and it came out to be a great success. The Director-Principal Dr. Neeta Bali expressed admiration and applauded the students. Congratulations to all who performed and entertained the audience!. The Talent Show started with IGCSE music band, singing 'Boulevard Of Broken Dreams', by Green Day, with vocal renderings done by Atufa, Jana, Anika and Younn; backed with instruments by Dhruv and Rehaan on rhythm and lead guitar, Rozario on Bass, Sumer on Keyboard and Naman on drums. The other rhythmic songs that they performed were 'High Way to Hell' and 'Fix You', which were equally enjoyable. Then there was the Piano and Violin recital performed by Lim and Guncha, respectively. The theme of the recital was 'Love Story', composed by Francis Lai from the film, "Love Story". It was an excellent performance. There was also a debut performance by Salman and Harshvardhan on Violin and Keyboard, as well.

The dance presented by IGCSE for the cultural event 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 of IGCSE who participated in this performance were Nishka Mittal & Anika Sharma.

The Visual Art students engaged the audience by asking them to write or sign on the 'Graffiti Wall' kept outside the Assembly Hall as they moved in for the show. Omar mir and Aditya Roy put up a power point presentation about the language of art, some famous artists and their art work

Aditya Roy and Dev took turns to read out the process while Nidhi and Tanya demonstrated how to do simple tie & dye work on cloth by using two acrylic colours

Regardless of time constraints the students put up a fabulous show.

- Activity Department

IBDP Workshop LEARNER PROFILE

Dr. Manisha Mehta

Head of IBDP

14th February, 2018



On 14th February 2018, we had an IB learner's profile workshop conducted by our Head of Program, Dr Manisha Mehta. All students were divided into groups and each group was given one learner's profile attribute. Groups were divided on the basis of various profiles like – Balanced, Inquirer, Risk taker etc. Students were asked to speak about their learner's profile attribute. Students were also asked to pick up a picture of a famous celebrity and relate their respective learner's profile attribute in them. One team got Mother Teresa and they identified that she was a risk taker & caring. Another one got Adolf Hitler and they mentioned that Hitler was not principled but was an excellent communicator. In conclusion, the students enjoyed this activity and it was a good learning experience for all.

IBDP Assembly

INNOVATION (XI-D)

16th February, 2018



A Step Towards the Future

On the 16th of February, students of XI-D presented a captivating assembly on the theme of Innovation. William Pollard once said, “Without change there is no innovation, creativity, or incentive for improvement. Those who initiate change will have a better opportunity to manage the change that is inevitable.” And since there are various creative innovations happening all around the world. The aim of the assembly was to help create awareness and motivate young people to think imaginatively.

The students shared stories of various inspirational and young entrepreneurs all around the world. The audience learnt about innovators like Lilly Singh, Mikaila Ulmer, Shubham Banerjee, etc. The assembly then ended with two famous TED Talks by 12-year-old Thomas Suarez and Taylor Wilson, who created a nuclear fusion reactor in the confinements of his basement.

Dr Manisha Mehta, the Head of IB Diploma Program addressed the gathering. She discussed how IB Diploma Program gives opportunities and skills for students to think creatively, which will come very handy for students in college, at work and later in life.

-Lavanya Anand (XI-D)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CS 1
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EXAMS

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