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THE GOENKAN VISTA

THE GOENKAN VISTA IS AN EXPRESSION OF THE ASPIRATION
OF YOUNG GOENKANS. IT HIGHLIGHTS THE MONTH AND
SHINES LIGHT UPON THE DESERVING STUDENTS FROM EACH
PROGRAM

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

DEAR STUDENTS AND PARENTS,

WE ARE WELL INTO THE NEW SESSION. STUDENTS HAVE NOT MERELY BEEN ENGAGED WITH RIGOROUS ACADEMIC WORK, THEY ARE INVOLVED FRUITFULLY IN A WHOLE GAMUT OF ACTIVITIES, BOTH INTRA-SCHOOL AS WELL AS INTER-SCHOOL. THIS IS AN EFFORT TO GIVE THEM THE MUCH NEEDED EXPOSURE REQUIRED TO HONE THEIR SKILLS OF COMMUNICATION AND EXPRESSION.

WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD TO SHARE THAT MANY STUDENTS OF OUR OUTGOING BATCH OF IBDP HAVE STARTED RECEIVING OFFERS FROM UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES THEY HAVE APPLIED TO. SOME OF THEM ALREADY HAVE CONFIRMED OFFERS LIKE NATASHA BATRA HAS BEEN MADE OFFER BY THE IVY LEAGUE UNIVERSITIES - CORNELL AND JOHN HOPKINS, DIYA SINGH HAS ALREADY SECURED ADMISSION IN THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA. I AM VERY HOPEFUL THAT MOST OF OUR IBDP STUDENTS WHO ARE IN THE PROCESS OF WRITING THEIR IBDP EXAMINATIONS HAVE A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD AND WE WISH THEM GOOD LUCK FOR THEIR FUTURE.

DR NEETA BALI

DIRECTOR- PRINCIPAL



YOUNG ACTIVIST FOR

STOP BULLYING

By CS1

On the 25th of April, the students of Grade 8A organised an interactive and informative assembly on the effects of bullying and the prevention of bullying in school. The assembly helped to shine a spotlight on bullying and encouraged students and teachers to take action against bullying throughout the year. The students discussed the different consequences of bullying - increased feelings of sadness and loneliness, changes in sleeping and eating patterns, loss of interest in activities, health problems, and more often than not, decreased academic performances and school participation. Hence, they proved how awfully bullying affects a child. After this discussion, the students went on and explained how this issue could be solved. They explained how one must help children understand bullying by talking about what it is exactly and how to stand up to it safely. The students made sure that their peers understood that bullying is unacceptable and how to get help. Thus, the students emphasized on how all lines of communication must be open so that the children feel secure when talking to authoritative figures. Along with that, the students also explained how role models are really important and that all children must be taught how to treat each other with kindness and respect. Overall, it was a very informative assembly and the 8th grade students hopefully got their message across effectively.



MUN *Session for* *Goenkanans*

AN OPPORTUNITY TO
CREATE WIDE
NETWORKS AND
CONNECTIONS WITH
PEOPLE ALL AROUND
THE WORLD

Report and photos by Priya
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On Friday, 13th April 2018, the Director-Principal, Ms. Neeta Bali, invited a guest speaker, Mr. Hriday Bhatia (Founder of APOGEEOH) to address students of GDGWS. He has trained over a whopping 42,000 students for Youth Conclaves, MUNs (Model United Nations), International Relations and World Politics.

Mr. Bhatia conducted the MUN simulation session for Goenkan students of Grade 8 upwards. The speaker introduced the students to Diplomathon, a simulating organisation besides the UN and unconventional committees such as BRICS, SAARC, and OPEC.

Joining the Diplomathon, students can get an insight into the functioning of the UN and the organisations associated with it. Skills such as debating, public speaking, critical analysis, dialogue engagement, research, cross-cultural awareness, personal and professional development, grooming and etiquette, experiential learning, etc. will be enhanced, ensuring growth beyond the classroom. The students present were given brochures upon which more information about the session was given.



"THE ASSEMBLY MOTIVATED THE STUDENTS TO MAKE YOGA AN IMPORTANT PART OF THEIR DAILY LIFE AS IT ENHANCES THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING."

Ms. Himani, the yoga instructor conducted the session. Khushi Yadav read the morning prayer focusing on 'A life full of gladness, a body free of illness', Amishi Khanna presented the 'Thought of the day' centering on the value of Yoga in our lives and Jasmine Kaushik presented a short introduction reiterating on the possibilities of Yoga, 'Yoga means union. It is a state of being in the present, focusing on the here and now. It's a path to self-discovery, fine-tuned awareness, and unification of the mind, body and soul...it is a way to escape the restrictions of the mind and the limitations we put on ourselves.'

IGCSE YOGA ASSEMBLY

EMBRACING CULTURE

On 20th April, students gave an impressive demonstration of "asanas" during IGCSE Yoga Assembly. The main objective of conducting the session was to raise awareness and ignite a passion for fitness and yoga among the students. In present times, students face a level of stress, tension, feelings of uncertainty and Yoga can help reduce this by creating overall harmony of body and mind enabling us to live a healthier and happier life.



A WARM WELCOME FOR CLS STUDENTS BY DIRECTOR PRINCIPAL

With the commencement of new academic session from April 2nd, all CS1 students were welcomed and addressed by the Director Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali. During the welcome, Dr. Neeta Bali encouraged the children to make the most out of every opportunity they came across, to always believe in themselves and to reach significant inflection points in their academic pursuits. The students were also briefed about the curriculum and made sure that they were comfortable for the journey they were about to encounter.



"IN DAYLIGHT, THE VIEWS OUT TO SEA ARE STUNNING, PARTICULARLY IN THE WINTER SUN, AND THE FRESHNESS"

They were explained how the Cambridge Lower Secondary programme gives schools a flexible framework for developing skills and understanding in English as a first or second language, Mathematics, Science, Cambridge Global Perspectives and ICT Starters. The riveting session was followed by Q & A round wherein appropriate answers were given to the pupils' queries, leaving them satisfied in the end. At the end, it was visible on all the students' faces that they were excited to see what the future holds for them!

WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY

GD Goenka World School Libraries look for an opportunity to celebrate Reading and Literature.

The World Book and Copyright day was observed by undertaking a number of activities for the Love of Reading.

An author meet with Ms. Deepa Agarwal who has written more than 50 books for children, was organized for students along with Puppet story telling for the young children. IGCSE students made a presentation on the significance of the day and created awareness amongst students explaining them why the day is celebrated all over the world as English Language Day and also Shakespeare's birthday.



Students also witnessed interesting video of Catalina where maximum number of books and roses are sold or exchanged on this day. The Spirit of Catalina encompassed when the 'poetry writing' winners were gifted books with roses by the invited author, Ms. Deepa Agarwal.

World Book and Copyright Day is a celebration to promote the enjoyment of books and reading. Each year on 23rd April, celebrations take place all over the world to recognize the magical power of books - a link between the past and the future, a bridge between generations and across cultures.



Students also had thrilling experience of Rock climbing and rappelling under the supervision of trained individuals. Not only this, TOK activities were also planned for students on the trip. Students enjoyed activities like Straw joining & Paper Tower making. The students applied their imagination and logic along with planning and collaboration skills. The students achieve a higher level of critical thinking when they evaluate their own learning compared with what they get exposed to. The trip also offered students opportunity to interact outside of the classroom, thus enhancing their bonding with each other and improving their social and life skills. The trip was an unforgettable experience for all of them!

CAS TRIP 2018

Creativity, activity, service (CAS) is one of the three essential elements that every student completes as part of the IB-Diploma Programme (DP). CAS enables students to enhance their personal and interpersonal development by learning through experience. It provides opportunities for self-determination and collaboration with others, fostering a sense of accomplishment and enjoyment from their work.

Our students visited Maldevta Farms, Dehradun. Our enthusiastic students not only enjoyed the fun and exciting activities but also did a service for the nearby village. They painted a government school near Maldevta farms and also cleaned the entire school.



LOVING THE EARTH BACK

Earth Day is a global event to show commitment to learn more about our environment and demonstrate how we can help in the efforts to protect it. With this objective, an 'Inter House Poster Making Competition' was conducted for the students of CS1. The posters created by the students were both soul-stirring and a visual treat.

Continuing with the spirit of spreading awareness, Grade 6 students exhibited a 'Bilingual Expression of Allegiance' by penning down their solemn thoughts in two languages - French and English - and expressing their solidarity towards the spirit of the cause. Adding more fervour to the celebrations, through 'Art and English collaborative task', Grade 7 students made exquisite poems and represented them beautifully with strokes of colours during their Art class.





EARTH DAY

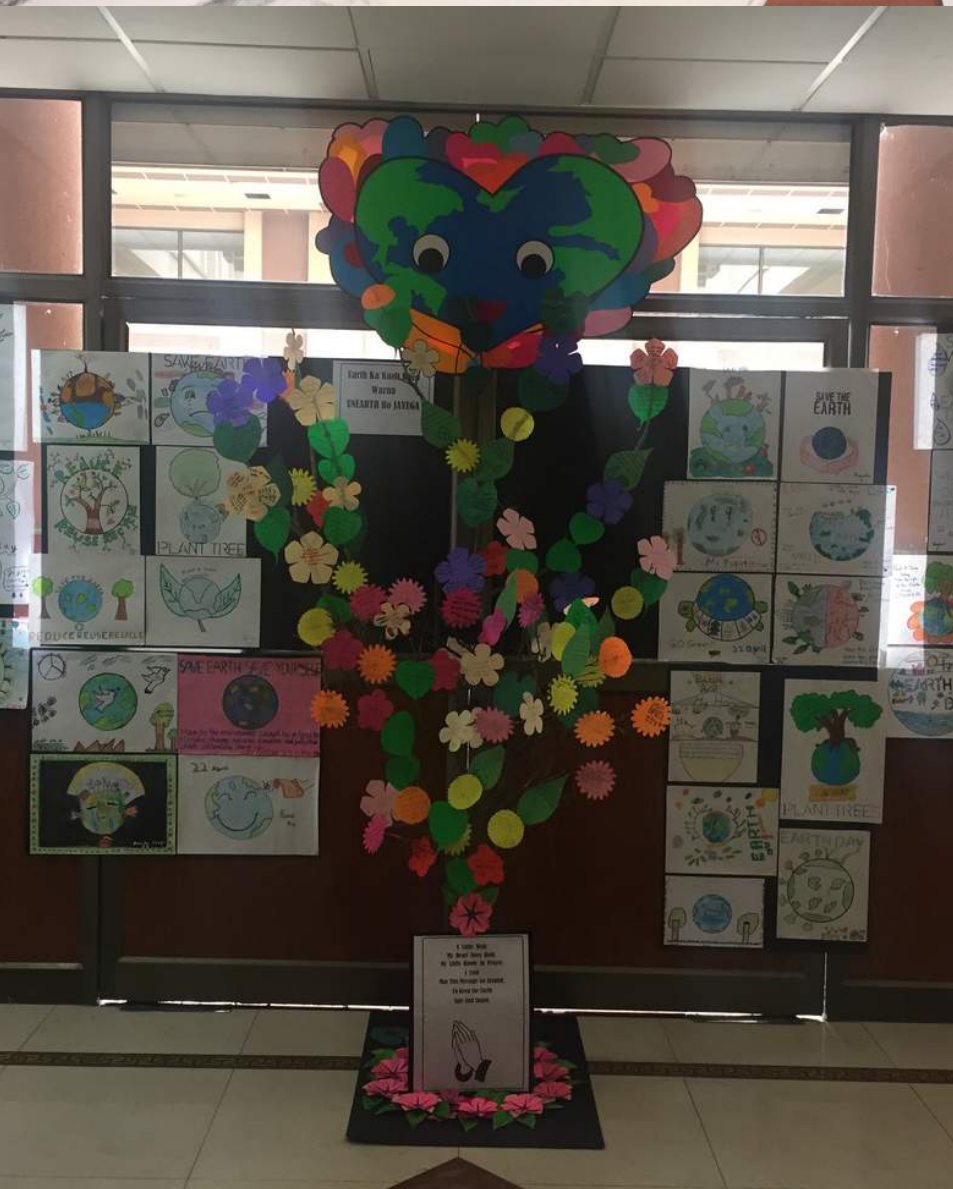
What's the best one to bring, and which places are the best to go to?

Every year on 22 April, hundreds of countries across the world join hands in celebrating Earth Day. Earth Day celebrations were started in 1970 with the purpose of honouring the Earth and the concept of peace

Keeping this spirit alive, the PYP pupils at G. D. Goenka World School dedicated their Earth Day Celebrations to Spreading Awareness about 'Saving the Earth.'

The Earth Day celebration for 2018 was organized. Three segment wise Poster making Activities were organized for upper primary over a week period. The activities began on Monday, 16 April until Friday 20 April '18 with the youngest minds of the GDGWS family. Pupils used their creativity and various techniques according to their skill to create beautiful and meaningful posters expressing their desire to Save their Planet.

The Earth Day celebrations was a great success with all the beautiful creations of the students put up over the school to spread the message by our little ones – "Save the Earth!" The activities helped them Spread Awareness and display their understanding and belief in the topic while enhancing their creative skills in doing the same. It truly reflected the various Learner Profiles the children have imbibed in PYP – being Balanced, Caring, Reflective and Knowledgeable Communicators.





पृथ्वी दिवस

22 अप्रैल को पृथ्वी को संरक्षण प्रदान करने के लिए और सारी दुनिया से इसमें सहयोग और समर्थन करने के लिए पृथ्वी दिवस मनाया जाता है। हमारे जी डी गोयंका स्कूल में भी अर्थ-डे मनाया गया। बच्चों को इसके महत्व के बारे में बताया गया। साथ ही बच्चों ने पोस्टर भी बनाए और कई तरह की गतिविधियां भी हुईं। स्लोगन और कविताओं के माध्यम से प्रेरणा दी गई। इस अवसर पर पर्यावरण के प्रति सचेत किया गया और पृथ्वी को बचाने के लिए अनुकरणीय कदम उठाने का फैसला लिया गया।



GOENKA GOING GREEN



Environmental sanitation is a great problem all over the world. Combating this evil should be a serious priority. A clean India should be a responsibility, not a campaign so the students of CS1's "Community Connect" organised a Clean-up drive for the month of April to reduce littering and increase recycling in school. Students of Grade 8 gave a presentation to create awareness about preventing littering and the importance of recycling. They also collected garbage throughout the school and put two recycling bins on the second floor to separate paper and plastic/metal/glass. The students also kept a cardboard box in each grade from Grade 6 to 8 to collect paper for recycling. This will continue throughout the year to increase awareness of recycling.

BETTER, FASTER, AND STRONGER

By Ramesh Karwasra

The young and enthusiastic students of PYP cooled off the summer heat in a competitive Inter-House Swimming Meet. We are proud to say that all our little champions did their very best and enjoyed the cool waters.



RESULTS

Position	House	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1st	Sorbus	9	0	1
2nd	Nyssa	3	7	0
3rd	Cedrus	1	4	6
4th	Cycas	1	3	7

Events	First position	House	Second Position	House	Third Position	House
50 m Free Style (Boys)	Prakul	Sorbus	Lev Sharma	Nyssa	Arjan	Cycas
50 m. Free Style (Girls)	Dayeon	Sorbus	Sheen	Nyssa	Eunjin	Cedrus
50 m. Butterfly Style (Girls)	Dayeon	Sorbus	Eunjin	Cedrus	Valeska	Cedrus
50 m. Butterfly Style (Boys)	Lev Sharma	Nyssa	Mohit	Cycas	Leon	Cedrus
50 m. Backstroke (Girls)	Dayeon	Sorbus	Sheen	Nyssa	Eulin	Cedrus
50 m. Backstroke (Boys)	Abhinav	Sorbus	Lev Sharma	Nyssa	Leon	Cedrus
50 m. Breaststroke (Girls)	Sheen	Nyssa	Eunjin	Cedrus	Dayeon	Sorbus
50 m. Breaststroke (Boys)	Kunal	Nyssa	Lev Sharma	Nyssa	Shivam	Cycas

1. **BOARDERS WEEKEND ACTIV**



The abstract art session conducted by Mrs. Nupur Jolly on Saturday Morning was a wonderful experience for the borders. They used different types of water colors and brush to paint over the sheet giving beautiful abstract effects.



Aqua aerobics was safe, fun and effective with Miss Himani on Saturday morning teaching children thorough cardiovascular workout. They were enjoying their aerobic movements in the peppy music tune benefitting their fitness as well.



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Some of the boarders participated in a cricket match with Jawarhar Lal Nehru Stadium Cricket Academy.

It was a close match and our boys did their best. The club team won the match.



The boarders went to the Library to watch movies. They enjoyed themselves and learnt the art of conversation and language.



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A football tournament was organised for the boarders (boys & girls). It was really exciting to see the boarders totally involved in the matches played. Mr.Sanjay the LRP showed equal enthusiasm during the tournament.



Certificates were given to the winning team as well as to the outstanding performers.

Evening time was relaxing with Mrs Tanmayi's yoga class. She gave them lessons on how to develop body awareness, how to manage stress through breathing, meditation and how to increase their confidence and positive self image..



WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP WINNERS

On 28th and 29th of April 2018, the students Darsh Jain, Nihal Wats and Aaryaman Hoskote displayed outstanding performance in the Gurgaon round of "World Scholars Cup" by winning 36 medals and 4 trophies in the senior category.

The "World Scholar's Cup" (abbreviated as WSC) is an international team academic program with students participating from over 50 countries. The Indian round was held in Gurgaon where 600 plus scholars gathered and competed for the medals. The Goenkan Team, under the guidance of Ms. Usha Kumari, secured an overall position of 4th and won awards in all categories (Individual and team). The competition comprised of debating, collaborative writing, scholars challenge and scholars bowl. Each event was more challenging than the previous yet our students emerged victoriously. The team is now qualified for global rounds which would be held in Barcelona, Spain in July.

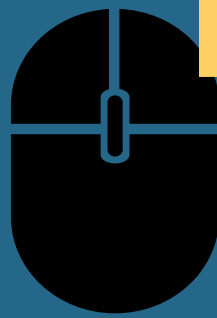
IT Week was organised by PYP for the session 2018-19 from 16-4-18 to 20-4-18 where students from Grade 1 to Grade 5 participated.

There were three categories:

1. Paper presentation (Grade 3-5)
2. ICT Quiz (Grade 3-5)
3. Grade level Competition where students were assessed on their ICT skills (Grade 1-5).

It was a week of mass participation where everyone participated learned and displayed their understanding of the skills learnt like Prezi, Animoto, PowerPoint Presentation, MS Word and MS Paint.

IBPYP TECH FEST



NIKITA MARWAH MAKES GDGWS PROUD!

Shallu Sharma

It gives us immense pleasure to share with you that Nikita Marwah of Grade 8B has excelled in the International Olympiad of English Language! She has secured 1st position in the class and 2nd position at the state level. Along with that, she has also achieved 6th Olympiad Rank by obtaining 70.34 marks out of 100.

Nikita has made us all very proud with her outstanding accomplishment. We hope that she continues to inspire her fellow classmates to follow their dreams too and follow her path to success. We wish the heartiest congratulations to Nikita!



GD Goenka World School organized a Coffee morning for the PYP Parents of Grade Nursery to Grade 5 on April 21st, 2018. Teachers took them on the journey of Primary Years Programme through a PowerPoint Presentation which was followed by interesting activities engaging the parents in hands-on learning about the 5 Essential elements of the Programme. It was a great experience for us too to see the parents participating and using the IBPYP attitudes and Learner Profile and sharing their views on developing them in the students both back home and at school.

COFFEE MORNING

Parents got a lot of time to ask questions, share experiences and find out first hand what is happening in school. It was a great time for the parents to interact and know each other. Overall, it was a huge success and an enriching experience for both the teachers and the parents.

UNIVERSITY FAIR

A University Fair was organized by GDGWS on Wednesday, 18th April 2018 for students of Grade XII with an aim to educate them about diverse opportunities for their further education in India as well as abroad.

Our Director-Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali, officially inaugurated the fair, where subsequently, the students were able to meet and interact with 19 delegates from renowned universities, who participated and promoted their education mission at the fair. The nature of this workshop is critical for all students who are in their early stage of the search process.

The event offered all attendees' unique prospects to intermingle one-on-one with the representatives about the programs and get an idea with regards to several queries on Admissions, Application Deadlines, Total Annual Cost, Eligibility, Application Requirements for Major, Honors Program, Internship and Final Placements and many more.

"Before the university fair, I didn't know about the visa and on-campus jobs but after I was well versed in the knowledge about them. In the end, the university fair was a worthwhile experience and helped me a lot to fill my gaps", quoted Darsh Jain-Grade XII student another Grade XII Student, Diwaker Gupta-Grade mentioned, "The opportunity to interact with different universities and learn about their admission requirements, courses offered and how education in universities is handled was invaluable for us students".

The Universities also distributed brochures to the interested pupils, thereby exchanging their contact details for further information as required respectively. This was an open and interactive workshop to enable all students to understand and accumulate relevant information in detail.





A BAIKAKHI

BY MINAKSHI GROVER

On the 18th of April, all IB and IG pupils gathered in the assembly hall for yet another exciting inter-house competition! However, this time it was different because it was a dance competition around the theme of Baisakhi. Baisakhi is a historical and religious festival in Sikhism and Hinduism and has its distinct significance for each culture. It is celebrated on either 13 or 14 April every year depending on which calendar is used.

For Sikhs, Baisakhi marks the foundation of the Khalsa community of Sikhs, on 14 April 1699 by Guru Gobind Singh, when he created the sword baptism, the pahul or Amrit Sanchar. The Khalsa was founded as an order to protect the freedom of conscience and religion for all. Vaisakhi also marks the celebration of the spring harvest and has been an ancient festival of Punjab. This year, we celebrated Baisakhi on the 14th of April.

We began with an exciting performance by the Cedrus house participants – Harshul and Ashish.

Then, Kirti, Kanishka, Ibrahim, Anish and Yuvraj portrayed a mesmerizing performance on behalf of Cycas house.

Following them, for the Nyssa house, we observed an captivating dance by Rajsi, Mehak and Mridul.

And last but not the least, on behalf of the Sorbus house, we had SL Aditya, Aekum, Vrakshita and Nandini and their amazing performance.

After all the performances and a short address by the principal, the judges' marks were calculated. Following are the results:

- 1st position – Sorbus House
- 2nd position – Nyssa House
- 3rd position – Cycas House
- 4th position – Cedrus House

Overall, it was a thrilling afternoon and we all were left awestruck with the performances!





The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience of music and dance, various rides, ethnic and indoor games, sports, rural domestic activities, fun, relaxation and team building activities.

A delectable mouth-watering local cuisine from Haryana, Punjab, and Rajasthan was served for lunch and each of the students relished the interesting 'Shahi Khaana' embracing a different culture. Overall the field trip to the farms collaborated with fun, frolic, and knowledge of a new ethnicity.

BOARDERS TRIP

April was a unique experience for our borders as they visited the Pratapgarh Farms in Haryana. The approximate 75kms bus ride away from the school was a fun-filled trip with the backdrop of lush green fields, ethnic mud huts, serene pond and lively cattle barns.



The opening round had the participants raking their brains about books and authors of English language, followed by questions from science and the third round was dedicated to the Mother Earth.

The last round of rapid fire questions turned the tables and brought both Cycas house and Sorbus house to an equal score. The exciting tie breaker round of four questions decided the Cycas house winner.

CS1 QUIZ

Tuesday, April 24, 2018
GDGWS witnessed a nail biting round of quiz conducted at a House event for the Cambridge Lower Secondary (#CLS) Grade 6 to 8 students at school premises. All 4 houses -Cycas house, Sorbus house, Nyssa house and Cedrus house participated with full zeal and enthusiasm.





PYP Rain Dance 2018



The students looked adorable in their costumes and enjoyed to the fullest at rain dance. The multi-hued umbrellas and the smiling faces of the children infused the atmosphere with energy and fun. They had a festivity time with their friends and the mentors. The students zestfully danced to peppy soundtracks. They splashed and played with the water.



Once the surface of the page was dry, the second part of the competition began of actually etching designs with pointed tools like colour pencils, divider, compass etc. The topics given to the students were "A dense forest", "A Rangoli Design", "A Portrait of my friend", "Birds and flowers" in a garden and "A starry night over a city". There was a hushed silence as the little hands moved with speed to create the most amazing and beautiful art work. The judges had a difficult time awarding points as all participants had truly put in their best. The House Points were as follows:-

SORBUS	754
CEDRUS	725
CYCAS	717
NYSSA	715

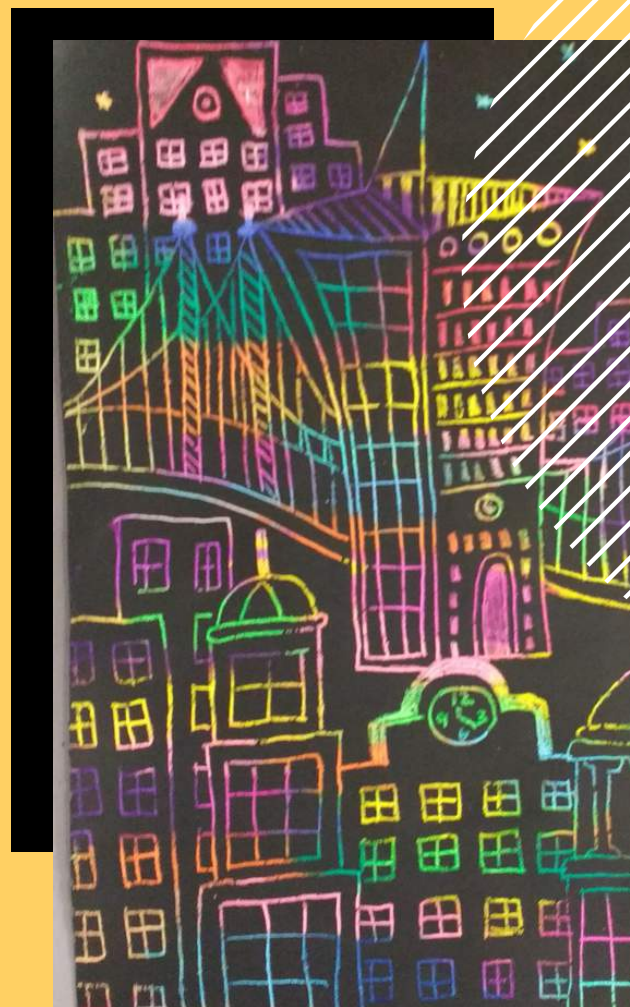
It was a very tough competition and kudos to the artists who were able to showcase their ability to etch fantastic designs and patterns based on the topics given to them.

Inter-House Crayon Etching Competition

BY T. CHATTERJI

The first Inter-House Event for the CSI students was the "Inter-House Crayon Etching competition" which was held on the 10th of April 2018.

There was a lot of excitement in the air as the pupils came rushing into the Middle School Art Room to start their task. The competition was divided into two parts - The students first prepared their paper with a thick layer of brightly applied oil pastels. Next, they painted over the whole page with black paint.



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GRADE 1 Trip

IB PYP Grade 1 students visited Heritage Transport Museum, Gurgaon for a field trip to gather information related to their ongoing unit under the TD Theme - How we express ourselves.





CAMBRIDGE LOWER SECONDARY GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES WORKSHOP

A 'Cambridge Lower Secondary' workshop was held by Apeejay School, New Delhi on 2nd and 3rd April 2018. It was headed by Mr. Russell Carey for teachers. Apart from the teachers of GD Goenka World School, the workshop was attended by teachers from various schools in the NCR and other adjoining states. Ms. Priya Mahendru from GD Goenka World School attended the workshop for Global Perspective, GP.

The workshop was aimed at enhancing the skills of the teachers & equipping them to handle challenges of the newly introduced curriculum. This was done by acquainting the teachers with the approaches to teaching & learning as demonstrated by the structure and aims of the curriculum framework.

The programme also developed the skills of research, analysis, evaluation, reflection, collaboration, and communication. It strengthened the links across English as a first or second language, mathematics, science, and ICT.

It was a very informative and helpful workshop and enhanced our knowledge of the education system even further.



SCIENCE WORKSHOP

Cambridge Lower Secondary (Science) workshop was conducted on April 20 & 21, 2018 at Ardee School, Gurugram.

Ms. Ruchira Pant represented GD Goenka World School. The aim of the training session was to familiarize the teachers with the curriculum framework so as to create a scheme of work which aptly justifies the assessment aims. Since science is a subject of 'when, how and why' a lot of focus was laid on scientific skills through hands-on activities and designing of labs.

A session on micro-teaching helped in learning a range of methodologies of teaching and learning. Marking questions and giving feedback was another important segment which was addressed by the trainer.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

IBDP Farewell (20th May)
IBDP Graduation (19th May)

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