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THE GOENKAN VISTA

An expression of the aspiration of young Goenkans.



DIRECTOR - PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

GD Goenka recently celebrated its 15th Founder's Day. It has been fifteen long years and the school has set very high benchmarks for itself. Today, GD Goenka World School is known as one of the best International schools in the country, not only in terms of the largest cohort of students that will be graduating soon but also in terms of Academic Excellence. Apart from that, multiple opportunities have been given to students, so that they can actualise their full potential as young people. The school believes in innovation at every step. Moreover, the school is also known for its fabulous infrastructure, and new additions are being made to the infrastructure so that students can take their learning beyond set parameters. We continue to hope that the school will grow from strength to strength in the coming years. We'd like to put on record our sincerest gratitude to the stakeholders, the Management, the staff and in particular, the parents for always keeping faith in us as an Institution!

FIELD TRIP TO AAPNO GHAR

PYP HIGHLIGHTS

Students of Grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th of GD Goenka World School visited "Aapno Ghar" Amusement Park on the 27th of November 2018 for an overnight stay with their teachers and PYP Head Ms. Poonam Singh.

The children had a fun-filled day at the Amusement Park. The day commenced with the serving of breakfast and refreshments, after which the children took their pick of the various joyrides and activities organised for them. It was a heart-warming sight to see children so thrilled and excited as they went from one ride to another. Along with these rides, there were also several obstacle courses which kept the kids engaged and had them testing their agility in a playful competition with the others.

Lunch time was a buzzing activity as they all recounted the fun they had. After this, they were led to get some rest in the luxurious hotel rooms within the encampment of the Amusement Park.

The DJ Night was preceded by various games played by children in the green lawns. The dance floor was brimming with energy, as the music took the students under its thrall, and led them to dancing their hearts out. Famished, the students proceeded to have dinner, after which they were escorted by the teachers back to their rooms. They unpacked, showered, played indoor games, listened to some music and swayed to the beats some more!

Next morning, the kids were served hot milk, after which they again took to the soccer fields and lawns, making use of the play equipments provided to them. They had a good, hearty brunch, and proceeded back to the school.



SPANISH ROADSHOW

Spanish Roadshow was conducted in school on 22nd November at GD Goenka World School campus. Representatives from four different schools from Spain visited the school. The event started with the heartiest Indian welcome, followed by lamp lighting and address by the Director-Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali. The students presented Intercultural similarities and differences through a role play and showed various Spanish accents and



vocabulary used amongst various Spanish speaking countries. They also demonstrated various Spanish words similar to Hindi.

To add flavor, there was a Violin and a dance performance on Spanish song. The zeal and enthusiasm led the representatives to show us their traditional dance "Flamenco". Later there were deliberations about the exchange programme. The warmth and inter cultural bonding was evident from the beginning till the end. The event was attended by representatives from four Spanish schools and members of Spanish consulate as well as Ignacio Hidalgo Bricio , Trade Advisor , Consulate General of Spain.

GDGWS CAS TRIP

IBDP HIGHLIGHTS

Creativity Activity and Service could not have gone hand-in-hand better than this opportunity for the Goenkans when children of IBDP Year 1 recently visited Jim Corbett for their CAS trip. Jim Corbett is a haunt for a number of tourists and wildlife lovers. It provides a great experience for young learners.

To begin with the students went to a local government school and helped clean its surroundings by picking up garbage, they also painted the school premises and taught children of grades 4th through 10th.

Each night, they had team-bonding activities alongside bonfires and on the 2nd night of their stay they had a DJ Night as well. The event was a means to create stronger bonds among students.

The students went on a trek through Kunkhet, the wild village, and Kumeria Reserve forest. They also interacted with the local farmers and villagers. In the sunny weather, students crossed multiple rivers on foot, which provided a great experience to them. Lastly, the students also enjoyed an Open Jeep safari through the Main Corbett National Park. The whole experience added to the learning objectives and inculcated learner profiles among students. The trip was memorable and enlightening for all.



VEDAS SOCCER TOURNAMENT

The Goenkan team participated in Vedas International School Soccer Tournament from 28th Nov to 1st Dec, 2018.

Our U-13 boys gave it their best and secured 4th place. As for the U-15 boys, they performed exceptionally well and bagged the 1st runner's up trophy. It was a nail biting final between GDGWS and Vedas International school. Our team was 1 goal down in the first half and in the dying minutes of the second half, a constructed move from the midfield helped our striker Masood to score the equalizer. Match score was 1-1 after full time.

Altogether it was a very good experience for our young boys. Well played team Goenka!





GDGWS STUDENTS SHINE AT WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP AT YALE

In the month of December, three students from G.D Goenka World School participated at The Tournament of Champions, World Scholar's Cup at the prestigious Ivy League University, Yale University, USA. The tournament was the final round where more than 2300 students participated representing 58+ countries. The competition was an amalgamation of the best scholars from the global rounds held in Spain, Malaysia, Australia and South Africa. The team of three consisting of Nihal Wats, Darsh Jain and Aaryaman Hoskote competed against other scholars in debating challenge, quizzes and writing. The overall theme of this year was an entangled world and surely the students entangled themselves in the intense curriculum set by the organisation which consisted of science, history, arts and music, literature, social studies and human relationships over the course of few months. Apart from competing the students also engaged in many community events set up by Yale such as the cultural fair and keynote speeches by professors from Harvard and Yale. In the end, the team won over 9 gold medals and 3 silver medals securing the top positions in debating challenge and writing.

IBDP HIGHLIGHTS

GOENKANS MAKE US PROUD AT MUNS!

“WE ARE NOT DEVELOPING NATIONS, WE ARE NOT DEVELOPED NATIONS, WE ARE THE UNITED NATIONS.” - ANONYMOUS

Recently on 28th October, we held our very first MUN conference, our students enriched their background at MUNs through the guidance of their experienced staff and peers. At G.D. Goenka, we encourage and support our students to participate in exciting conferences throughout the year in order to enhance our students' capabilities - MUNs allow students strengthen their public speaking capabilities, become acquainted with global issues, build up their leadership skills, familiarise themselves with diplomacy, and much more!

A group of young aspiring students from G.D. Goenka World School recently attended the Vidyanatriksha Model United Nations Conference at Manav Rachna International School. VIDMUN held a plethora of committees addressing a wide variety of agendas ranging from Narcotics to Islamophobia. Once again, our Goenkans were commended on their capabilities to take part in inspiring conferences like those. Nikita Marwah, a student of 8th grade, was awarded best delegate. She was the delegate of Chile in United Nations Women in which they deliberated the Formulation of Abortion Laws. We are very proud of her achievement and hope she continues to earn laurels.

Additionally, Jasmine Kaushik, a student from 9th grade recently attended the Columban Model United Nations conference and we are proud to report that she too, received the Best Delegate in her respective committee of 79 students. She was the delegate of Phillipines in the United Nation General Assembly which addressed the challenges faced by the UN Peace Keeping Forces. Our heartiest congratulations to Jasmine and we hope she takes this motivation and commitment forward.



UNIVERSITY FAIR

A University fair (US, CANADA, UK and Australia) for students of IBDP was scheduled on Thursday, December 06, 2018. At the university fair, pupils got an opportunity to meet 21 delegates from renowned universities who participated and promoted their education mission.

The event offered the attendees unique opportunities to interact one on one with delegates about the programs and getting an idea about the following:

- Admission requirements
- Application deadlines
- The total cost of attendance for 1 year (tuition, room & board, fees, books, misc.)
- Financial aid eligibility
- Specific application requirements for major
- Honors program / the requirements



Overall, it was a successful event providing ample opportunities to the pupils to fructify their dreams and aspirations –helping them choose right career path to their dream college. This kind of opportunity to pupils can help in the initial stages of the search process and also help in narrowing down on college options. This fair was a good eye opener and helped pupils to be introduced to the universities/ undergraduate programmes well in time.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Children's Day was celebrated on Wednesday, November 14, 2018. The day was full of fun and frolic with children looking spectacular in their colorful attire. Children enjoyed the day playing, singing and dancing. They had a gala time. The teachers organized a special assembly on this day. Children were overjoyed to see their teachers singing, acting, dancing and performing like kids on the stage.



GD GOENKA WORLD SCHOOL WINS ACCOLADES AT HARYANA STATE EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIP-2018

Students of GD Goenka World School participated in the Haryana State Equestrian Championship which saw the participation of more than 10 schools.

The Students Of GD Goenka World School secured 6 medals. Shashank Kataria won a gold medal in Jumping, Honey secured a Bronze in Jumping, Shashank Kataria and Naman Ganeriwala won a bronze medal each in Hacks. Naman also won a silver medal in Jumping, Uday Sakhuja won a bronze medal in Stick and Ball Event.



GDGWS WINS AT MANAV RACHNA CRICKET CUP

At the Manav Rachna Cricket Cup, in the 1st match between G D Goenka World School and K R Manglam, GDGWS Scored 208 in 25 overs. Ismayal Nekbeen, one of our students scored an astounding 108 runs, followed by Aditya Bhardwaj, another student, with 45 runs. The K R Mangalam team scored 134 runs in 25 overs. Pranav Budhiraja took 3 wickets. Overall, our team won by 71 runs. Ismayal Nekbeen was also declared Man of the Match. Both teams played well and maintained good team spirit.



AMRITSAR TRIP

Students of GD Goenka World School enjoyed the train journey to Amritsar. It was the first experience for many of them. We reached Hotel Hyatt at 2.30pm and had lavish spread of lunch at the hotel. We left for Govindgarh fort at 5.30pm in Volvo buses. The light and sound show at the fort was an amalgamation of history and technology enjoyed by one and all.

There was a DJ night following the show and we returned to hotel for lavish dinner. On the second day of the much awaited Amritsar trip, the students were taken to "Sadda Pind" after a great breakfast at the hotel. "Sadda Pind " is an organization that offers children an experience of a modernized traditional Punjabi village in Amritsar. The village offers carnival games that can never get old. Activities like shooting archery, darts, ring toss, ferris wheel were really exciting. After a few hours the students were taken to the esteemed Wagah border of India and Pakistan. Amongst an audience of thousands of people the students saw celebrated army officials of India perform amazing marches and stances which were mirrored by the officials of Pakistan. The movement of both, the Indians and the Pakistanis almost mimicking each other ignited a spark in the crowd. The atmosphere exploded with the feeling of patriotism. After the parade got over, the students returned to the hotel where they participated in an activity. The activity involved a marshmallow and a few sticks which had to be converted to a tall structure. While some fell the others stood strong and proud. The night then ended with fantastic dinner and a fun night of dancing with the DJ.



The Amritsar trip culminated with a visit to the Golden Temple. The students were awed by the vastness, the richness and the sanctity of the temple. After the visit to the main shrine the students offered their services (SEVA) by serving water, handing over plates and making chapattis. They also visited the various sections of the kitchen to observe how food is cooked and served to almost 60,000 people everyday in the 'langar'. After having lunch at the 'langar', the students enjoyed the much needed rest in the lush green temple gardens. In all, it was a unique and an enriching experience at the Golden Temple.



WHEN HISTORY FLASHED ALIVE: AN EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION FOR CLS STUDENTS

On December 17th, 2018, the students of GD Goenka World School went on an Educational excursion to visit the famous historical brick monument - the Qutub Minar. The young learners from grades VI & VII were awestruck on seeing this architectural marvel which is the highest brick minaret in the world and is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

As the pupils rambled along the precincts, the silhouette of the tall minaret with an immense history took them into the glories of the days of yore. The young historians couldn't obscure their inquisitiveness and asked many questions as they learned about the history and architecture of the spectacular monument. They were equally fascinated to see the 'Iron Pillar', located within the complex, and wondered about the fact that why hasn't the 'Iron Pillar' rusted even after some 2000 years.

The students immensely enjoyed the trip and came back with oodles of information making this excursion productive and pleasant.



STUDENT LED CONFERENCE

GD Goenka World School hosted yet another Student Led Conference on December 8, 2018, which saw a very enthusiastic participation of the parents with their children. Students took their parents on a journey of their learning during the months gone by as they led their parents through a discussion of their work, and established academic and social goals. They showed their work in the portfolios and played all the games which had been a part of their concept learning. Parents exhibited a feeling of pride watching their children's confidence.



CLS STUDENTS VISIT KOREAN CULTURAL CENTRE

On 18th of December, 2018, Grade 8 students went for a visit to the Korean embassy, which was a unique experience for them. They learned about the cultural differences between Korea and India and how their pasts were connected in the former times. They also had the opportunity to wear the Korean traditional clothes and get their pictures clicked: to be savored for eternity as beautiful memories. The students relished the delicious Korean delicacies such as Ramen noodles, sushi and other delectable Korean dishes! Furthermore, they were overwhelmed to hear the pleasant and heartwarming music being played on the Korean traditional instruments. On the whole, the trip was an excellent learning experience for the children- an experience which was full of pleasant memories.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

21ST DECEMBER, FRIDAY - CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL
22ND DECEMBER, SATURDAY - GOENKAN ALUMNI MEET

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