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The Goenkan Vista

An expression of the aspirations of the young Goenkans

Director-Principal's Message



Dear Students and Parents

We welcome our students back after Diwali Break. I do hope that students had a good break and enjoyed the festivities with friends and family. As students resume studies in the second term, I urge you to support them in every possible way so that their performance can be optimized. We have also decided to set up a 'Service Desk' for any complaints and concerns which may be forwarded to the Service Desk. An email ID will be shared shortly with you so that we can resolve them at the earliest.

All students will now report to school in winter uniform. Encourage the children to be well turned out at all times.

I wish each of you the very best for the days to come!

Dr. Neeta Bali
Director-Principal

PYP

Halloween's Day Celebration

Halloween's Day was celebrated with a fun filled exciting fancy dress parade in the PYP Segment. There were very happy Superheroes, Fairies, Witches, Goblins and other interesting characters walking around. Excited faces were seen everywhere as children posed for photographs.



Emotions and Feelings Seminar

"When little people are overwhelmed by big emotions, it's our duty to share our calm and not join their chaos." A child's socio-emotional development motivates them to learn critical skills such as the ability to communicate, connect with others, resolve conflicts, self-regulate, display kindness and empathy.



Learning to identify and express feelings in a positive way helps children to develop the skills they need to manage them effectively. When children learn to manage their emotions in childhood, it leads to positive attitudes and behaviors in later life. You are your child's emotional coach. When your child watches you express your emotions, he/she can learn that their own feelings are natural and permissible, can be expressed, and can be talked about. That's an important thing for our children to learn. A session was conducted with PYP boarding students on "I Respect My Emotions & Feelings" with the aim of exploring a deeper insight into their emotions. The session included identifying various emotions and expressing the same in random situations and learning from the after-effects or consequences of their reactions towards the situation. The session built the feeling of empathy, the importance of positive and stable relationships, having a positive sense of self, good mental health, and well-being among the students. The basic premise that the children learned today from this session about emotions is that all feelings are okay to have; however, only some reactions are okay.



Good Touch, Bad Touch Sessions

**"Touch has a memory." - John Keats.
Touch- a feeling of love, care, affection.
But can it also be a feeling of fear,
discomfort, and distress? We want our
children to be safe and secure and also
protect them against all odds. It is
necessary to sensitize and equip our
children so that they are ready to face
and handle any odd situation or person
coming their way. Today, a session was
conducted on Good and Bad touch for
Grades - Nursery, and KG.**



The objective of this session was to make students emotionally strong and giving them ownership of their body so that any 'not so positive' events do not impact their growth and personality. The session included the understanding and difference between good and bad touch through role-play, pictures, and videos. Students were told about safe touches that make them feel cared for and important. Talking about bad touch, swimsuit rules, bad touch areas of the body parts and avoiding strangers were mentioned. Students were educated/ encouraged to say "NO" and inform an elder if they experience bad touch. The session was informative and interactive. "Wisdom is giving the children wings, along with the riddle of awareness to keep them safe from prying hands." - Yamini Vijenddan.

PYP

Seminar on the Environment

In order to create an enabling environment, "mobilize the energy, attention, curiosity, and focus of children" - Howard Gardner. PYP nurtures and develops young students as caring, active participants in a lifelong journey of learning through its inquiry- led transdisciplinary framework.



GD Goenka World School offers student-centered classrooms with various activities and arrangements where students actively perform individual or group tasks and the teacher acts as a facilitator, considering different needs of the students. We believe that students learn and retain information better when they are engaged in hands-on classroom games and activities. They take responsibility for their own learning and involve themselves in what they are learning to practice the same in their real-life context by taking action. Activities that work well in a live classroom setting include taming the tables, passing the parcel, picture concepts, spin the wheel, multiplication game, forming sentences with correct structure, pattern formation, pair research work and many more. # What we learn becomes a part of how we learn.

PYP

Grandparents day Celebration

Grandparents are our heritage and are essential members of our families and communities. They are a family's greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers, the keepers of traditions. Through their special love and care, grandparents keep a family close at heart. That is why a special day, Grandparents Day in School, is set aside every year to honour them. This year too, GD Goenka World School celebrated Grandparents Day on September 9, 2019.

They were welcomed by their grandchildren in their respective form rooms where they played games, sang and danced with them. The day witnessed 100 percent participation of students of the PYP. They put up a play, dance performances and songs for them which were thoroughly enjoyed by the grandparents. The grandparents who attended the programme felt very special and were overwhelmed with the performances of the students. The event was a great success and concluded with a short address by a grandparent.



IT Week

IT Week was celebrated in the last week of August to explore and nourish the talents of Cambridge Lower Secondary students. To begin with, an assembly was conducted on the topic "Internet Safety" and there were various competitions held throughout the week to tap the proficiency of the students :



***Logo Designing Competition for grade 6;
Web Page Designing Competition ,
Grade 7 ;
and Web Site Designing Competition for
Grade 8 .***

These competitions were aimed at evolving the knowledge and excellence among the students through teamwork. Students participated with full zeal and enthusiasm.



Trip to Crafts Museum

An educational trip to Crafts Museum, Delhi, was organised for the students of grades VI and VII on September 6, 2019. The prime purpose was to associate the students with a sense of appreciation for the rich craft, textile and heritage of India.



Children were charmed to see the delicate display of carvings and craft. The museum is mainly popular for its extensive collection of textiles and the students were mesmerized by the talent and workmanship of the craftsmen. Overall the trip was a fruitful learning experience and the students got to know the rich culture that prevails in India.



CLS

Book Swap Activity

The students of CLS engaged in a book swap activity which included bringing used books from home to swap them with others. A book swap brings together students to share knowledge using the medium of books,

creating a positive atmosphere and encouraging more students to read. The introduction of the activity brought great excitement and enthusiasm between students, further promoting the habit of reading.



bookswap

**GIVE A BOOK
TAKE A BOOK**

VENUE: CLS LIBRARY
TIME- 8:20 – 9:15
DATE: 1- 10 AUG

The graphic features a white background with colorful bunting at the top. The word 'bookswap' is written in a green, lowercase font, enclosed in a blue rectangular frame with arrows pointing clockwise. Below this, the phrase 'GIVE A BOOK TAKE A BOOK' is written in large, colorful, uppercase letters. At the bottom, a stack of colorful books is illustrated with a hot air balloon and a ladder. The event details are listed in a purple dashed box at the bottom.

Roald Dahl's 103rd Birthday Celebration

GD Goenka World School celebrated British writer Roald Dahl's 103rd Birthday on 13 September 2019. Roald Dahl is a beloved British writer. He is the author of some of the world's best-known children's novels. His books champion the essence of kindness, feature an underlying warm sentiment and are considered to be the most engrossing.



To commemorate his dedication to writing for children and his birthday, students of CLS crafted marvelous bookmarks to recollect the reminiscence of his fabulous books. Books written by Roald Dahl were enthusiastically issued by pupils, who wrote book reviews for others to read. 'Roald Dahl Day' was celebrated with great eagerness and spirit, with several birthday cards, making him even more popular among students.

IGCSE

Sports Day for the unprivileged children

Shashank Singh Kataria of grade 10th, spearheaded a sports day for the UnderPrivileged Children. Sports has always had a universal appeal to all the sections of our social fabric. The Sports Day has left a tangible and quite a visible impact on the lives of the participants.



"To be able to deliver a day when a number of underprivileged children got a chance to celebrate their own "SPORTS DAY" with hearts filled with joy, enthusiasm, and passion, it turned out to become quite a special day in my life. "I got able support from my teammates Divyanshu, Akshath and Charvi who helped me in executing this initiative. Right from convincing corporate to support the intent ,raising funds ,tying up with NGO SOCH ,to getting the venue finalized and many small little resources mobilized for the event to happen it was an amazingly satisfying experience with lots of learning on the way." said Shashank Singh Kataria.



IBDP & IGCSE

Body Positivity Workshop

“To me, beauty is about being comfortable in your own skin. It’s about knowing and accepting who you are.”– Ellen Degeneres

Let’s unlearn the idea that only certain bodies are worth acceptance and praise, and instead recognize that all bodies are equally valuable. Let’s decide what feels good and healthy for us personally, and letting other people do so for themselves.



An inspiring workshop was conducted for girls grade 8th -12th (boarding) on “Body Positivity”, giving our young girls the understanding that it’s okay to be different, we all are uniquely beautiful in our own ways, and it’s not the power of positive thinking that will erase the bad messages we’ve internalized; it’s the act of radical acceptance.



IGCSE & IBDP

FROZEN- the fabulous Annual Day

The young Goenkans of IBDP and IGCSE created the world of 'Frozen' on the annual day and mesmerised the audience with their spectacular performance at the Epicentre Gurgaon on 7th September 2019. The dance-drama depicted a devastating incident that coerces the kingdom of Arendelle to face the endless winter. Princess Anna must journey to save her estranged sister Elsa in the hope to break the spell on Arendelle and come closer to her sister. However, danger lurks in every corner and as Anna is pulled in different directions. Will she succeed? Will Arendelle be able to experience summer again? These were the intriguing thoughts of the audience.



Mr Avinash Pandey, the CEO of ABP news, was the chief guest for the day. He encouraged the students with his words saying that one should accept challenges in the way of life because interesting experimentations can also lead to outstanding success. He said that parents and teachers need to create environment for such experiences. Also present on the occasion were Mr Nipun Goenka, Managing Director, G D Goenka Group and Ms Radhika Goenka. The eminent guests accompanied by the Director Principal Dr Neeta Bali lit the ceremonial lamp. The annual report was presented by the Director-Principal. Her message to parents was to encourage students as what we should look at is not excellence but respect the process of learning. She also added that the school catered to the specific needs of every student. The parents were ecstatic to see the brilliant performance by their wards and were able to experience the nurturing environment their children mature in, which concomitantly prompted them to reminisce their school days.

IGCSE & IBDP

The Doon School Model United Nations Conference.

On August 16-18th, a team of 7 students accompanied by our MUN co-ordinator Ms.Priya Mahendru attended the 13th edition of The Doon School Model United Nations Conference. After three days of rigorous debates and discussions in 6 different committees, our students bagged the following accolades:-Priyam Sharma won the Best Delegate award in the UNGA SPECIAL.Yuvraj Chadha won the Most Outstanding Delegate award in the Union Cabinet of Ministers. Anisha Sethi and Atul Sharma won the Honourable Mention award as a team in the International Press Corps.Shashank Kataria, Adi Mishra and Pranav Jalan all received special verbal mentions for their exceptional performance in their committees .We are proud to announce that all awards bagged by the team under their teacher's guidance led to GD Goenka World School being felicitated as the Best Delegation for this year's conference !!



IBDP

Career Fair

GD Goenka World School hosted the Career Fair for students of Grades XI to XII. About fourteen universities promoted their education mission at the fair. The participating institutions were well-reputed internationally ranked universities offering considerable academic options, scholarships and admission information to students. The purpose of this event was to create an open, direct platform between the students and the participating international universities.



The Career Fair encouraged the students to gain critical knowledge on where to study, what to study and how to make it happen. Students hear directly from admissions officers and evaluate the best choice for their career path ahead. They assess what the universities had to offer by way of career choices. This enabled our students to directly engage with leading international universities.



IBDP

COMCON

"Commerce Conclave 2019" (ComCon) was organized by the Humanities Department on 2nd Aug'19. The objective of the event was to provide an opportunity for students to express their knowledge of Business through various competitions. Many top-ranking IB schools and talented pupils expressed enthusiasm towards participating in the event as evident from the participant list which included top schools such as GD Goenka Signature School, Scottish High, Blue Bells Model School, Sangam School of Excellence, MSG Glorious International School, GD Goenka Public School, etc. A lot of exciting competitive events centered around awareness of the current business environment in the global scenarios, such as Handicraft Sales, Poster Making, Video Making, Innovative Product Display were part of the COMCON. The event was formally launched by Director Principal Mrs. Neeta Bali with the lightning of lamp.



This was followed by a colorful opening ceremony and wonderful performances by skillful students of GD Goenka World school. The event started with the 'Poster making competition' and began in the art room. The theme of this competition was 'Economic Development'. All the student participants displayed their talent in Arts by reflecting the development challenges being endured in maintaining a balanced approach towards economic activity, environmental responsibility, and societal benefit. Our own GD Goenka World School grabbed the 1st position. At the same time, Handicraft Sales competition was being held in the dance room. Here, the students came up with several handicrafts and their business plans to promote the rich culture of India. The handicrafts were sold to students and teachers of GD Goenka World School. Here, Scottish High grabbed the 1st position, followed by GD Goenka World School. Besides the sales, 'Video making competition' was also being held in the MPH. The theme for this competition was "Economic development". All the students presented their informative videos. Here, the Sangam School of Excellence won the competition. Last but not least, the longest event "Product display" was held at the MPH where students had to present their products based on their knowledge of 4P's of Marketing. All the students consummately presented their innovative products and explained the features of their products to the judges. Here again, our own School GD Goenka won the judge's vote. The event ended with the "Closing ceremony" where exquisite performances were on display and awards were distributed. The winner of the overall event was no other than GD Goenka World School and was accorded the title accordingly. All the participating schools expressed having a great experience and thrill derived from the event. With promises of coming back the next year, the participating schools were given a warm send-off and curtains fell on COMCON 2019.

IBDP

The Great Ganga Run

The Great Ganga Run 2019 was part of "NamamiGange Programme". NamamiGange Programme is an Integrated Conservation Mission, approved as the 'Flagship Programme' by the Government of India to accomplish the twin objectives of effective abatement of pollution, conservation, and rejuvenation of National River Ganga. 30 students from the School joined the run along with DHM Mrs. Shahnaz Banoo Butt and some parents on September 15, 2019, Sunday at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium New Delhi. The run was organized in four categories- 21 Kms, 10 Kms, 5 Kms, and 2 Kms. Majority of the students ran in and successfully completed 10 Km category. We are happy to report that two of the students Abhishek Kasana Grade 12 and Masood Ahmad Ikhlas Grade 8 ran in 21 Kms category and completed the same in good time.



The students had prepared and were carrying placards with relevant slogans for water conservation which were appreciated by many. It was a great experience for the students to be part of a movement for public good which will help in sensitizing them towards water conservation. After the completion of the run, the students performed on stage and enthralled a large crowd by singing songs and playing their instruments. The performance on violin by Kushagra Sharma of Grade 9 was a hit amongst the audience. We take this opportunity to congratulate all the students and parents who participated in this noble cause and made the school proud.



INTERACT CLUB

Interact Club of GD Goenka World School was felicitated with “2018-2019 Rotary Citation with Platinum Distinction” for the exemplary socially sensitive work done in past one year by District Governor (Rotary International District 3012) during Governor’s Official Visit and Club’s new board Installation for the Rotary Year 2019-20 on August 20, 2019 in The Woods Club, Gurugram. It is a highly recognized award, won by rarest of Interact Clubs across the globe. Our Interact Club was represented by current President, Vice President and Club In-charge Mrs. Shahnaz Banoo Butt. During the felicitation ceremony District Governor Rtn. Deepak Gupta had personal interaction with Interactors and Mrs. Shahnaz. Interactors discussed about their ongoing projects and future plans to serve more in community. All the Rotarians present during the function appreciated the variety of the projects and the short time period within which these were implemented by our Interact Club. Thanks to the Rotary Citation Team for recognizing our efforts. We wish to acknowledge the contribution of Rotarian, Dr. Nischal Pandey, who has been a driving force and a great help in promoting our efforts.



INTERACT CLUB

GO GREEN

Class 12 boarders of GDGWS Interact Club in collaboration with Bhagat Foundation NGO for Child Education Gurugram organized a Tree Plantation Drive under the aegis of its GO GREEN Project on August 24, 2019, at D Block Park Sector 57 Gurugram. The boarders along with DHM Mrs. Shahnaz Banoo Butt and their house parents boarded the school bus early morning around 8 am and first went directly to the school run by the NGO to pick up the kids from the NGO School. The kids of the NGO school upon boarding our bus were excited to board an AC bus for the first time.



The bus took the boarders along with the NGO school kids to the nearby park. Participating in a tree plantation drive and directly getting involved in digging pits and planting trees was something which many boarders had never experienced before. A total of around 60 trees were planted. The boarders also entertained the NGO school kids, around 90 students, by dancing, playing games and singing folk songs with them especially songs on Janamashtami. DHM and the boarders also shared their knowledge with the NGO school kids about the importance of protecting the environment generally and especially about planting trees. The NGO school kids also shared their life experiences with the boarders. The boarders also distributed refreshments amongst the kids.



Forthcoming Events

- 1) Outstation trip for grades 3-10 and CAS trip for grade 11
- 2) Children' Day Celebration
- 3) CLS- Inter-school Colloquium
- 4) PYP- Student Led Conference
- 5) GDGWS MUN
- 6) IBDP Goenkan Trident

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