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The e-newsletter for and by students of IBDP

Message from Director Principal

CAS is a great opportunity for students of IBDP to hone their skills—both creative and life skills. Besides ensuring that you emerge as socially responsible young people through service component, it gives you an invaluable avenue for stretching your limits through adventure activities. I congratulate students and staff on bringing out another CAS edition of the newsletter.

Dr. Neeta Bali

Message from IBDP Co-ordinator

We at GDGWS continue to enrich the learning experience for our students by extending the studies beyond the classrooms. We try giving them opportunities to undertake tasks that are authentic, meaningful, engaging and foster deep understanding as well as forming valuable habits thus emphasizing the development of positive character in an individual. They also develop the IB learner profile attributes of being Inquirer, Good communicators, Critical thinkers, Open-minded, Risk takers and Knowledgeable.

Further, with recent GDGWS maiden MUN, our students got a better understanding of the inner working of the United Nations as they honed the diplomacy and leadership skills through these interchange exercises. This further enhanced the cause of international understanding and contribution towards World peace among our students. The experiences and achievements of our students in various MUNs, CAS trips, Social initiatives like working for various projects of Interact Club, organizing Christmas Carnival and Sports are some of the indicators, that the positive direction in which our students are poised. This you would notice in the forthcoming pages in our second issue of CAS newsletter.



Dr. Manisha Mehta

SCREAM NO







Our initiative revolves around the basic ideology that "Safety, Communication, Responsibility, Emotions & Assertion Make a difference". From this main idea we have branched off into multiple different projects: Awareness against sexual abuse, Pro-stance for the LGBTQ+ community and an active campaign against cyber bullying. SCREAM NO was a spontaneous idea that we (the founders) had while eating a mournful breakfast. We had all just seen a news article, in which a child was brutally sexually assaulted. We started discussing the reason for which children have become one of the prime targets of these sexual predators, and came to the conclusion that it was due to their nativity. We were so affected by the incident that we decided to do something to contribute to the prevention of such incidents in the future. SCREAM NO believes that the best prevention is education. We began to draft out an action plan, the course work outline, and lesson plan details. Once we had done our preliminary research and work, we approached our counsellor and principal who acted as facilitators allowing our project to take flight. We taught classes 2 to 6, around 6 sessions each. During the course of these sessions we explained to the children the basic concepts of "stranger danger", "good touch bad touch" and self defense. For the grade 6 we went a little bit more into the specifics and discussed case studies such as the "Me too Movement". The second phase of SCREAM NO originated from the idea that necessities are not everything, and it is so essential for charter and personality development for a child to have good self-image and possessions that allow them to express individuality. We had gone to visit a NGO school run by rotary and noticed that these children had nothing but the bare minimum and we decided to start a donation campaign to collect items such as scarfs, bracelets, hats and watches etc. so that the kids at the NGO school can feel more cherished and become more confident in the way they present themselves. Our upcoming projects include campaigns on self-love, pride and cyberbullying prevention.

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WORLD MUN

YOUR STEP INTO THE WORLD OF DIPLOMACY





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With it's maiden edition, GoenkaWorldMUN 2018 aspired to set an unprecedented bar for itself. The conference, with its origins in our secretariat's strong desire to commemorate the true art of dialogue and resolution, made it a point to impart each and every participant with unparalleled geopolitical knowledge, consensusbuilding skills and social awareness. With a wide array of 10 committees encompassing the stringency of the Security Council, controversies of Indian Politics, appalling developments in the UNHRC and the likes of Potter-heads alongside others, we on looked fruitful discussions across the table. Serving as the President for the conference was a true honour and an inherently challenging task. From managing on logistical grounds to ensuring intellectual quality of discussion, I was fortunate to be supported by an extremely efficient and hard-working dream. Our secretariat, up until the closing of the conference and ever after since, cannot thank our teacher coordinator Ms. Priya Mahendru for teaching us so much and working with us, Director-Principal Ms. Neeta Bali ma'am, DHM Ms. Shahnaz ma'am and Major Sharma sir for paving the way for us to succeed.



SPANISH ROADSHOW



"Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding."

— Albert Einstein

One day, one show and one big international audience. The Spanish Roadshow of 2018 included an array of acts such as a skit, a couple of songs and dances. Through this roadshow, the participants were able to expand on their IB learner attributes; as they became risk-takers, communicators, thinkers, open-minded and knowledgeable. The students were able to express their creativity through the use of another language. Taking part in the roadshow was a way to not only improve your hold on the Spanish language but also to be able to show confidence as many of the students were first-time Spanish learners and/or had stage fright. However, the participants put forward spectacular performances for the audience and it was altogether a different and enriching







An unforgettable experience.

The commendable CAS trip to Jim Corbett where we cavorted with ecstasy was one of my best trips with several adventurous activities including the trekking on hills. This trip was meant for all the risk- takers who want thrill and fun with friends at a natural environment.

The first day of the trip engaged us with jungle safari where we had the luck to see the endearing deer with ambience nature on or retinas. Looking at such a beautiful surrounding intrigued us to reflect soberly on ourselves and understand our depths much better. Furthermore, the food was amazing with all genres of nouvelle cuisines. The ebullience part was the DJ where everyone pirouetted, twirled and whirled with panache, forgetting about every distress and tension hardening our minds. We maintained a balance in our lifestyle in this 3 day educational tour, from rigorous safari to relaxing music, from parched throats to delicious food and what not.

We also got the opportunity with the lively youngsters and helped them with their studies. Anisha and I were teaching maths to 9 th grade children who were so venerable to us. They treated us like authentic teachers listened to every concept we explained to them. This made us feel so humble and also at the end they farewelled with an applause. Our communication skills enabled us to interact with the young talent and learned valuable reverence from them.

The trip widened our ability to grasp knowledge to look at the world from different perspectives. The trip was a great blend of education, joy and fun. It was one remarkable experience for us!





Christmas Carnival

FRIDAY DECEMBER 21ST

On the 21st of December 2018, G D Goenka World school hosted its Christmas Carnival. It was delightful day for all as the Christmas festivities took over. The carnival was organised by the grade 11 IBDP students. All hard work put in by the students was paid off when the great flash mob and the recreational stalls presented, captured everyone's attention. Game stalls had Pick-a-Can, Untangle the tangled, Pin the tail, Coke pong, Min to Win it, Fire in the hole, Crossbar, Knock the can, Loop the Saucer and Water Tic Tac Toe among a few others. Photo booth with cultural props, Face paint and Musical Chairs were also a part of the entertainment stalls. Apart from the numerous entertainment and game stalls, multiple food trucks served scrumptious food to keep everyone's hunger at bay. With a thought to bring smiles on more faces this festive season, there was also a charity stall put up by the students. At the stall, handmade craft material were sold, which included greeting cards, paper clips, bookmarks and polaroid. The funds collected from this sale will be donated to a noble cause. There was an enthusiastic response from people at the carnival as the sales from the stall reached Rs. 7200. Everyone had a smiling face and thoroughly had a great time. The carnival was a great success and a memorable day for all attendees. It was indeed the perfect way to ring in Christmas!



The Christmas Carnival is one of the most awaited events of the year. With great support from our teachers and hard work put in by the students, we were able to make the event a huge success! One of the most challenging tasks was arranging the flash mob, but fortunately, with everyone's cooperation and support, it

event a big hit, was definitely an enriching experience for all of us and we all felt ecstatic when we achieved what we





CHRISTMAS WITH KIDS OF NGO!

an interact club initiative

We, Ashutosh Mukherjee (Vice President) and Arka Prabha Saha (Vocational Head) are proud members of the G.D. Goenka Interact club. As members of the interact club, we always aim to make best use of our abilities and available resources to conduct/manage any task or event assigned to us. Our collaboration with Bhagat foundation for education under rotary was one of our most recent tasks. Our collaboration featured celebrating Christmas, playing games and teaching various activities such as Drawing, colouring and singing to underprivileged children.

Being a part of the core team, Arka and I ensured that this event is held over a strong foundation. We spent an approximate amount of Rs. 3900, which was procured from the Interact Club treasury, wherein we bought 68 Christmas cakes, 70 juice boxes, stationery items and some toffees. We exceeded the amount required for 50 children primarily because we wanted to make sure that children who could not attend also got their share. This event proved to be a magnificent experience and our fellow interact members would love to participate in such events again.







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"IT'S NOT HOW MUCH WE GIVE BUT HOW MUCH
LOVE WE PUT INTO GIVING."

— MOTHER THERESA









NATIONAL AEROLYMPICS

JAN 18-JAN 20 2019, AeSI BANGALORE



THE EXPERIENCE WAS ONE OF A
KIND. MAKING FRIENDS FROM ALL
OVER INDIA, BEING EXPOSED TO
NEW IDEAS, HAVING THE
OPPORTUNITY TO INTERACT WITH
SCIENTISTS AND OF COURSE
HAVING A LOT FUN IS WHAT WOULD
SUM UP THE EXPERIENCE OF OUR
TEAM AT THE EVENT. THE
MEMORIES MADE ARE ONES TO
CHERISH.



A team of three students from IB-DP1 participated in the National Aerolympics 2019 organized by the Aeronautical Society of India (AeSI) in Bangalore. The National Aerolympics is a three day event consisting of numerous events with the aim of assessing several aspects of the participating teams. The team consisted of Anisha Neogi, Tanushree Kochar and Arpit Kumar. They were accompanied by Ms. Naina Vaish, who served as a mentor to the team and provided invaluable support to the team throughout the duration of the competition.

The team from GD Goenka World School bagged the overall 5th prize and were runner-ups in two events (Cultural Event and Static Model Making).

The event was divided into two phases - Phase I and Phase II. The first phase being the qualifying phase wherein the interested were required to prepare a 40 page report on the theme "Indian Space Exploration". 52 teams submitted these reports to the AeSI. Out of these 52 teams, 22 teams were invited to Bangalore for phase II, the main event, which was held from the 18th to the 20th of January. The selected teams were required to prepare another report on the theme "Make in India and its impact on Indian Space Exploration", which was to be submitted on their arrival to Bangalore. Due to their tremendous efforts, the team from GD Goenka World School was among these 22 selected teams.

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Life is like a game of cards. The hand you are dealt is determinism; the way you play it is free will.

- Jawaharlal Nehru

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CAPTURING THE IBDP LIFE