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NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2020

Message from The Director -Principal



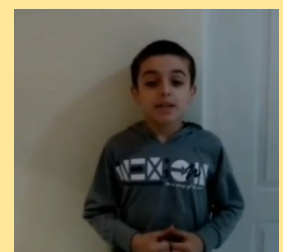
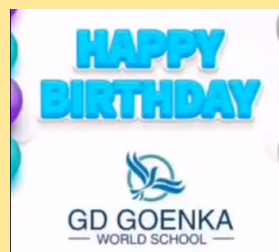
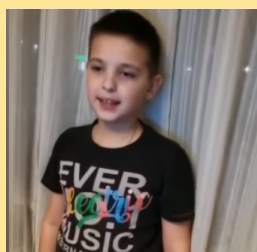
Dear Goenkans,
We had the great finish to the 1st semester. Inspite of the fact that students could not come to school physically, both staff and students have put in immense hard work and results have been gratifying. Through collective responsibilities, we have protected our community, upheld our values and continued to work relentlessly towards excellence. We are not out of the woods yet but the vaccine on the horizon, we are hopeful that 2021 will see us emerge from the crisis. I wish each one of you a great year ahead.

Dr Neeta Bali
(Director-Principal)



FOUNDERS' DAY

GDGWS celebrated its 17th Founder's Day with great fervour ,zest and enthusiasm on 10th December, 2020. The entire school community came together to grace the occasion virtually. Director-Principal, Dr Neeta Bali felicitated all Goenkans on the occasion. She expressed gratitude to the Management for their unstinting support. She thanked the staff and parents for their industrious contribution in promoting the well being of the children. Celebrating this momentous day, students of PYP,CLS, IGCSE, IBDP and AS and A Levels greeted the school community in their traditional costumes representing different nationalities to share a glimpse of the diverse culture which is the epitome ' of our school. The assembly was an amalgamation of music and dance from PYP and DP students. The other highlights were glimpses from the past Founders' Day followed by speeches from some of the students who have spent more than a decade in school. A teacher is a compass that activates their magnet of curiosity, knowledge and wisdom. Many such mentors have been associated with the institution for over fourteen years and more. The experiences shared by DHM Ms. Shahnaz Banoo Butt, CLS teacher, Ms. Nidhi Sharma and PYP teacher, Ms. Madhu Nangia were a great source of inspiration for all. Culminating the ceremony, there was a virtual cake cutting by Dr Neeta Bali and the senior management team. On behalf of all, Ria Arora ,the school Head girl proposed a hearty vote of thanks.



ALUMNI MEET

*3rd Alumni meet
19th December 2020*

The alumni of GDGWS yet again met this year on 19th December, on a virtual platform though but in more numbers. This was another year for them to realise their roots and strengthen their bonds with their peers and teachers in a very nostalgic environment.

The school provided the students of previous years a platform to connect with all. The alumni met with both love and pride for the institution and its contribution in making them who they are today. The program started with the school song that struck the chord of unification followed by Director-Principal-Dr Neeta Bali's address where she mentioned that the students of the past batches are all remembered with the same warmth irrespective of the academic standards they had in their tenure at school and it was always a pleasure to see them reach places in their lives. She assured all to keep this spirit alive as it brought immense joy in connecting with one another. Some students like Rati Ramu from the very first batch and Rajit Kinra sent their recorded messages sharing their time at GDGWS and their stories of success.

The program was an amalgamation of various performances musical and dance blended with messages by some of the alumni and ended with a vote of thanks by the DHM Ms Shahnaz Banoo Butt who shared the fact that such meetings caused one and all to relive their memories and establish a unique connect. The meet ended with chitchats among all reciprocating Christmas and New Year wishes.



Alumni meet

GD GOENKA WORLD SCHOOL

WELCOMES
the former Students of GDGWS
for their Alumni Meet 2020

ON SATURDAY
19.12.2020
On Google meet

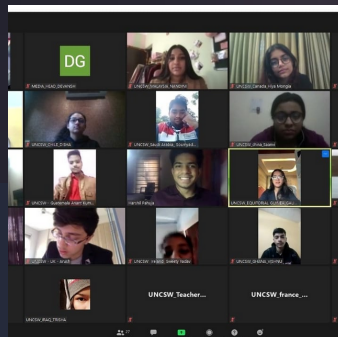
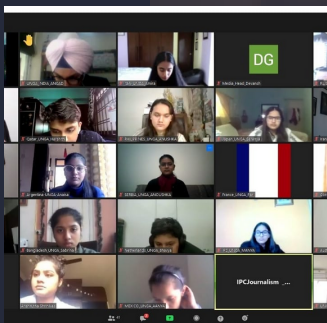


Gdgws Mun 2020

GDGWS MUN 2020 commenced on the 4th of December with great zest and zeal. The delegates entered the session with great enthusiasm. The opening ceremony kicked off with the welcome address by Director-Principal Dr Neeta Bali. Her warm welcome and regards towards all delegates was very encouraging. The event proceeded after extending a warm welcome to Mr Abhishek Shukla, the chief guest for the ceremony. Mr Abhishek Shukla is currently serving as a director in the Honorable Prime Minister's Office and was previously posted in the People's Republic of China and also subsequently handled the trade and commercial desk in the Embassy of India, Beijing in addition to other prestigious assignments. He acknowledged the importance and validity of Model UN. He encouraged all delegates to have a fruitful conference. The event was followed by ecstatic performances by the IBDP students.

There was a ravishing fusion dance by Anya and Ria Arora followed by a vocal performance by Nikta Nunes. Later, the Secretary-General, Mikul Manocha addressed the participants and declared the conference open. The Secretary-General shared his gratitude for the wonderful opportunities the school had supported him with. He also conveyed his gratitude to the secretariat to build the conference this year in collaboration with United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan.

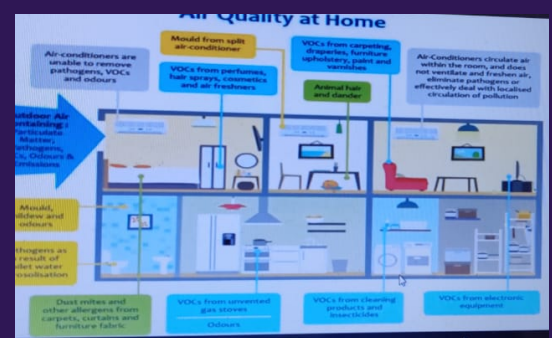
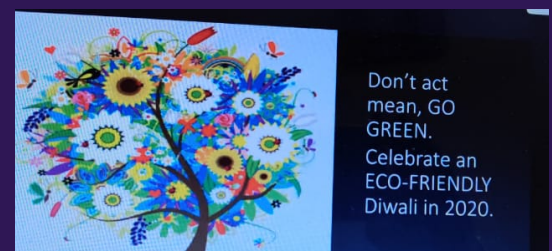
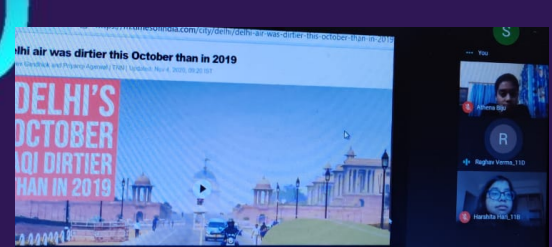
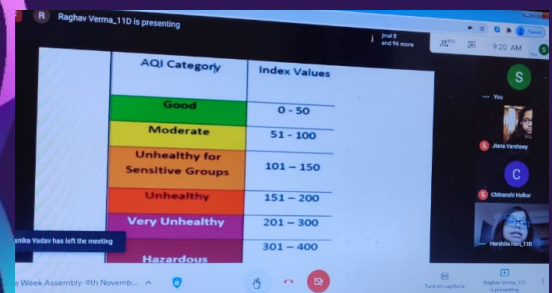
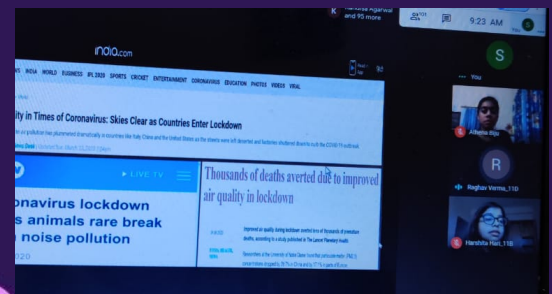
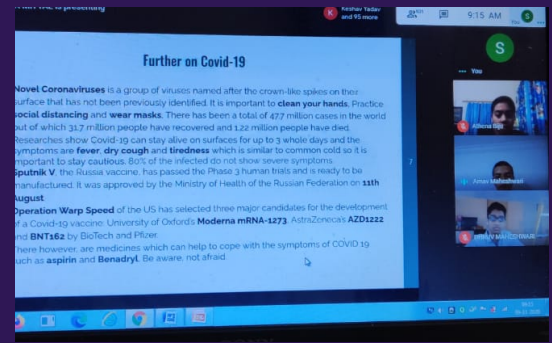
The 2-day riveting event came to a stunning end. Delegates, executive board members- all joined the closing ceremony session after suspending their committees with successful resolutions. The event took off with a video of UN75. The video showcased the idea and achievements of the UN in the past 75 years. The video set the tone and the mood of the session towards the plenary session. Moving from the plenary session, the energy was palpable with anticipation and excitement as the event progressed to the awards. The awards were declared by the executive board members, the Chief d'Affaires and Secretary-General. The Director-Principal, Dr Neeta Bali thanked Secretary General, Mikul Minocha, staff in charge, Ms Mahendru, GDGWS staff who contributed to the success of the event and every delegate who attended GWMUN this year. She brought out the importance of events like MUNs for the youth to be more vocal. Last but not least, the Chief d'Affaires of the conference, Ms Priya Mahendru addressed and thanked all delegates, executive board members and the secretariat for all coming together to make this conference spectacular.



SCIENCE WEEK

Science- it's like magic, but real

The science teachers conducted various science activities and competitions with their students during the teaching lessons in order to celebrate the science week (9th nov - 13th nov) to create awareness among students about science in their daily lives. The activities included T-Shirt painting, slogan writing, article writing on Covid-19, AQI, Cracker free Diwali, poster making, Infographics and video making. All students actively participated during these activities and contributed by sharing their ideas and opinion. They all collaborated well and developed the thinking, research, time management, self management and social skills. The science week also conducted an assembly and interhouse science quiz competition to culminate the celebrations.

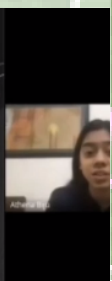
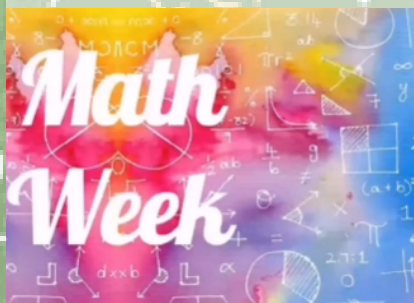


MATHS WEEK

14th TO 18th Dec

"Math is the soul of everything that exists in nature, take it from an ant to a mountain, to us, humans."

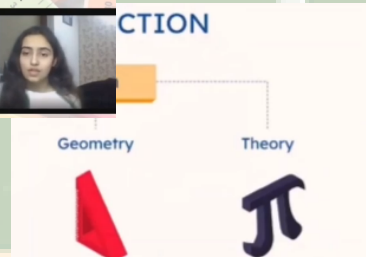
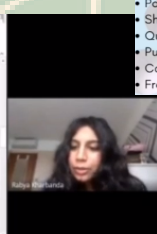
Maths Week at GD Goenka started with a morning assembly on the 4th of December. The students showed great enthusiasm while participating and conducting activities throughout the week. From dancing to magical shows, maths in daily life and nature, the week was well planned and full of fun.



Highlights of the Math week :

- Contribution of Indian Mathematicians and History of Mathematics
- Origami workshop
- Vedic Mathematics
- Live cooking session - In order to understand the concept of Ratio and Proportion
- Poems
- Short skits
- Quiz
- Puzzles - Algebra/Calculus
- Collage making
- Fraction Hunt

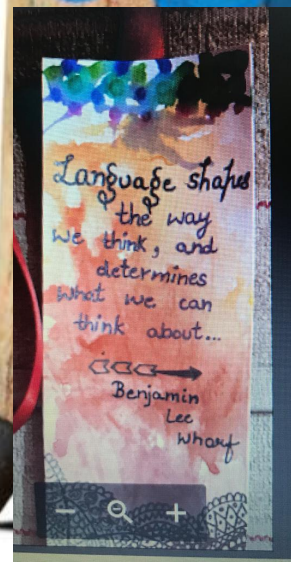
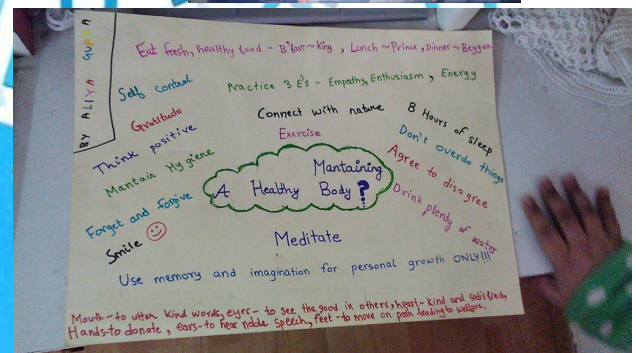
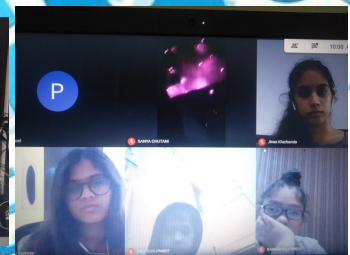
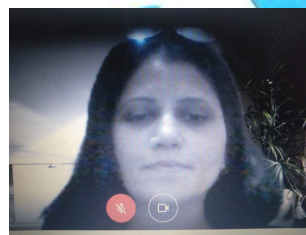
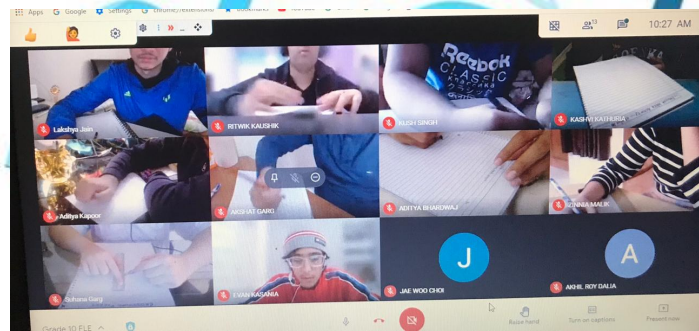
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ENGLISH WEEK

Fly high with English

A celebration is a way to ensure that we recognise the work of each one of us. Keeping this culture of celebration, GDGWS celebrated English week (23-27 November) to give all students a fair chance of getting recognised. For safety reasons, not everyone could gather with friends and teachers at this time, so virtual activities were conducted. A plethora of activities provided students with opportunities to enhance the vocabulary, writing skills, enthusing the week with fun-filled activities and many more. The week started with a senior school assembly on the theme of Violence against women followed by myriad activities like collage making, making a tailored newspaper, creating own crossword puzzles, word wall, vocabulary enhancement activities, poster making, bookmark, online quiz, delivering a speech on the impact of Covid-19 on student life. Enunciation and Rendition were conducted as an Inter-house Competition during the English week.



Interact Club commemorates International Day to end impunity for crimes against journalists

G D Goenka World School's Interact club conducted its first assembly on "International Day to end impunity for crimes against journalists", a United Nation recognised international day which is observed annually on 2nd November. The day is recognised to draw attention to the low global conviction rate for violent crimes against journalists and media workers as these individuals play a critical role in informing and influencing the public about the relevant social issues. The impunity for attack against them has a damaging impact. The aim of this assembly was to sensitise the students about the crimes against the media workers and also to create an awareness and called for a constructive debate amongst the students for this very sensitive international issue .

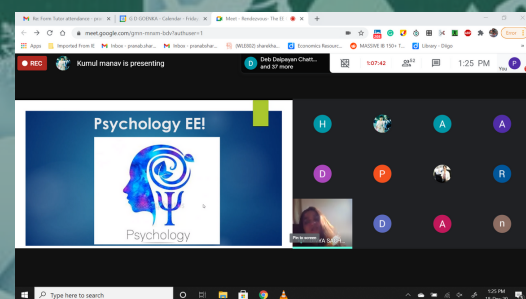
Rendezvous – The Extended Essay Cafe

GD Goenka World school hosted its debut Rendezvous' -The Extended Essay Cafe virtually to introduce one of the three core components of the illustrious IB Diploma Programme, the Extended Essay to DP Year 1 students on 18 th and 23 rd December 2020.

The two-day event was hosted by students of Grade 11 under the guidance of the IBDP Coordinator, Dr. Manisha Mehta and the Extended Essay Coordinator, Mr Pranab Sharma. The first day of the event delved in all the relevant elements of the Extended Essay.

The students were introduced to the various subjects on presentations by six subject group teachers highlighting the demands and requirements of the various Extended Essay subjects including the interdisciplinary subjects such as ESS and World Studies in the IB Diploma Programme. This helped the students to make an informed decision regarding their Extended Essay subject.

The second session of the event on 23rd December was attended by grade 11 and grade 12 students. The criteria sessions by the teachers helped the grade 11 students about EE assessment criteria and 12 students to review their EEs and ensure it addresses the criteria strands to score better grades.



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Harriet & Claude Verlon

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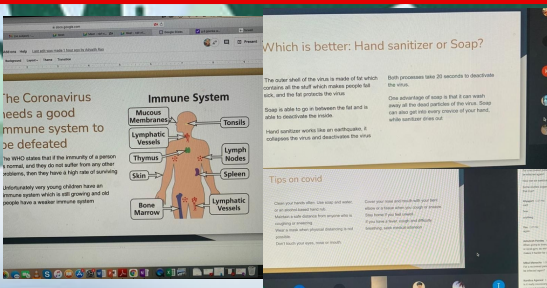
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CAS VIGNETTE

This event was to recognize the efforts of all the students by showcasing their CAS projects, CAS experiences and many other collaborative works like managing CAS MAX E-magazine and CAS Website. It further intended to keep the proud parents of GD Goenka posted about the activities motivating the students of IBDP.



CAS
VIGNETTE
An Annual CAS Fest



"The emotion that can break your heart is sometimes the very one that heals it..."

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Aston University, Birmingham UK, held an Interactive Psychology Session with Dr. Nathan Ridout on November 27, 2020 Friday on something we experience every second of the day. Guess what it could have been! Emotions!


Dr. Nathan Ridout is an experimental psychologist with research in cognitive and affective changes associated with psychopathology, most notably depression and eating disorders. The key psychological processes that he is interested in are memory (especially autobiographical memory) and social cognition (especially processing of facial emotion). Other areas of his expertise include alexithymia (particularly in association with psychopathology, and influence on emotion processing) and cognitive changes observed in older adults.

Grade 11 Psychology students had an engaging session with him while sharing about just everything related to Psychology along with a brief from him on Careers in 'Professional Psychology' at Aston... Why choose psychology at Aston? , etc! A Demo session was also witnessed by the students given by Dr. Nathan Ridout himself on his view of 'Emotions', how a Psychology lesson looks like at Aston?... AND it was simply sublime. Really! The session went on for about two complete rewarding hours. Grade 11 Psychology students asked him heaps of questions pertaining to various Psychology courses at Aston, typical entry requirements etc... It was indeed a level raising session for students particularly because of the lesson on 'Emotions' which has always been in much debate topic in Psychology!

Careers in Professional Psychology

- Clinical Psychology
- Occupational Psychology
- Counselling Psychology
- Educational Psychology
- Forensic Psychology
- Health Psychology
- Neuropsychology
- Teaching and research

Placements and choices in your final year help you to stand out



Psychology courses at Aston

Single honours:

- BSc Psychology: 3 (UCAS code: C800) or 4 years with integrated placement (UCAS code: C801)

Joint honours:

- BSc Psychology and Business (UCAS code: C811)
- BSc Psychology and Marketing (UCAS code: C2M5)
- BSc Psychology and Sociology (UCAS code: C1B3)

What is emotion

- If you were going to explain the concept of emotion to an alien how would you explain what emotions are?
- Take a minute to think about this and then let us know your thoughts via the chat room

Careers outside of Psychology

Psychology graduates have a wide range of capabilities, it is a **scientific, numerate** discipline.

Psychology graduates have **key skill sets** that are valuable to employers:

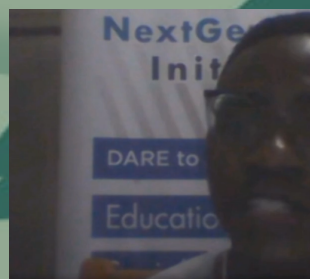
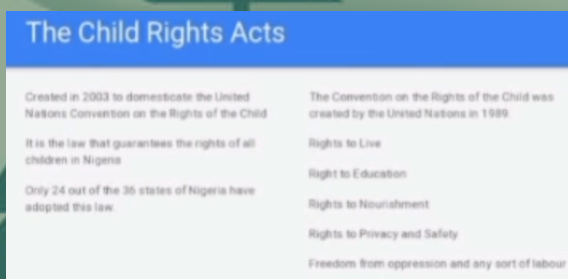
- Communication skills, numerical reasoning, computer literacy, information finding, organisational skills, team working, problem-solving, **critical thinking**, independence.

WEBINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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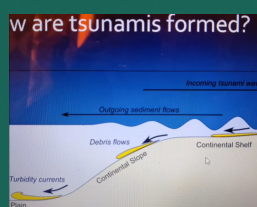
On 11th November, Grade 10 Global Perspectives students organized a webinar on Human Rights for children on the topic "Making the world blue for every child". To speak on this topic, the session's key guest speaker was Mr. Joshua Alade.

He shared many perspectives through his individual experiences as well as providing an insight into a cultural perspective. He highlighted numerous suggestions and solutions based on the topic and the many issues affecting children worldwide. He not only spoke from a holistically global level but also gave various examples from his own country and also touched briefly on the pandemic effects. He further helped the participants learn and educate themselves on FAQ's about human rights. Overall, it was a fruitful event for the participants.



WORLD TSUNAMI AWARENESS DAY

In 2020, World Tsunami Awareness Day encourages development of national and community level, local disaster risk reduction strategies to save more lives when a Tsunami occurs. CLS students from grade 6 presented a meaningful assembly to commemorate the day on November 5, 2020



"TODAY A READER, TOMORROW A LEADER."

-Margaret Fuller

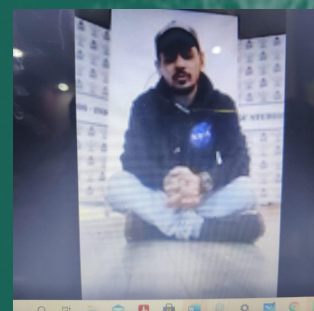
CLS students celebrated the occasion of "One Nation reading together" by reading books together on December 1, 2020. One of the most important skills, students must practise is the ability to read. Each book that is read, gives an opportunity to learn something new. We can expand our vocabulary, train our brain, increase wellness, lower stress, and discover something new about ourselves. The students shared the joy and relevance of reading together!



DANCE TO DE-STRESS- A DANCE WORKSHOP

Dancing relieves stress and when we feel good physically, our mind feels good too. It serves to reduce stress and cause our bodies to feel calm, happy and optimistic which is a great requirement in this uncertain time.

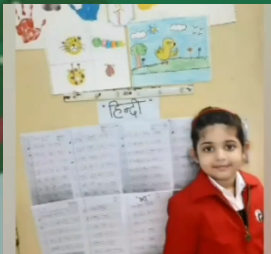
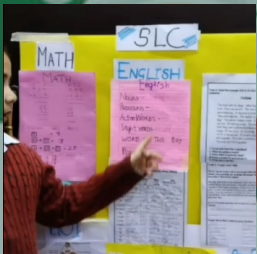
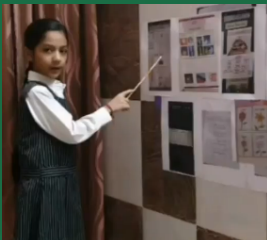
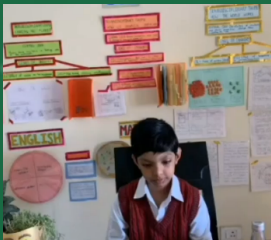
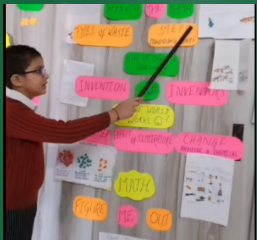
This is very much required in these uncertain times. On Saturday 21st November, 2020, an online dance workshop was organized for the students of grades 6th to 9th with a professional dance trainer Mr Nouman Tak, the Co-founder and Director of an awarded Dance Crew - The Swag Gang Crew from Delhi who runs his dance academy SGC Studios in Saket, New Delhi. With his crew, coach Neo has trained dancers pan India in states like Goa, Mumbai, Delhi, Allahabad, Mandi and many more. With an impressive 8 years of experience in dance, he has judged various National competitions. The session began with some warm up exercises after which students were given some basic understanding of the footwork, balance, timing, turns, flexibility, core strength and facial expressions while dancing. Students were taught dance steps of a very famous Punjabi number 'lamborghini chalaye jane yo' from movie 'Doorbeen'. The entire session was very interactive and students loved the workshop and requested to have more such workshops on weekends.



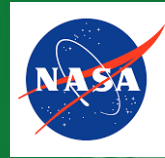
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STUDENT LED CONFERENCES THAT ROCK !!!

Students of Grades Nursery to 5 at GD Goenka World School took charge of their learning and showcased their understanding as they participated in their very own conference with their family members. It was truly an incredible experience to watch them share their learning with confidence and enthusiasm. Students with the help of their parents, prepared beautiful SLC walls and presented their work exceptionally well. The school congratulated PYP students for the efforts put in by them. It was delightful to watch the little ones speaking confidently. The Student Lead Conference provided an opportunity to recap and understand their learning concepts learnt so far.



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NATIONAL ASTRONOMY SEARCH COLLABORATION

GDGWS congratulated their grade 3 student, Harshit Jasrotia on receiving a certificate of appreciation from IASC - International Astronomical Search Collaboration by NASA. He was recognised for his effort in observation of Near Earth objects and main belt asteroids by participating in analysis of images from Pan - STARRS

International Astronomical Search Collaboration

October 9 — November 3, 2020

We hereby express our sincere appreciation to

Harshit Jasrotia

Space club-Ashiana hid centric homes

In recognition of valuable contributions to observations of near-Earth objects and Main Belt asteroids by participating in the analysis of images from Pan-STARRS.

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" If you can't
outplay them,
outwork them "

-Ben Hogan

With Covid 19 putting a halt to equestrian competitions among many other events, the Equestrian Federation of India, after 7 long months, scheduled a World Dressage event in New Delhi on the 4th and 5th of November. The World Dressage Challenge (WDC) is a developmental initiative of the International Federation of Equestrian Sports (FEI).

The event also helps riders get featured in the world rankings according to their performances. Out of all the participants (Asia zone 9) 11 qualified on the 4th of November and competed in the finals on the 5th of November. Shashank Singh Kataria & his horse Fleece Clover earned the 4th place amongst the 11 participants on the final day of the World Dressage Challenge, in Delhi - Young rider category. Our congratulations to our star rider, Shashank !





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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 16, 2021 : Parent orientation for transitional grades 5 and 8

Jan 16, 2021 : TEDx event

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