

The Goenkan VISTA

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young Goenkans.

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Message from The Director-Principal



Dear Parents and Students,

The year 2020 has been tough but as a school community, we have proven that nothing can destroy our spirit. Through social media, we're not only finding each other but connecting all across the country and globally as well! Despite all the problems last year that has become the new normal now, those connections are building bridges like never before among progressive people. The medium isn't bad, it's how many people utilize it and become a part of our community... our family! We can build a better way. We will change how things are done. We will define the future of our education and learning ourselves. And we will not let those sparks of engagement go out once lit. The defining story of 2021 is the people who are making change. And you are a vital part of that story.

Yet, while there is so much wrong to write about and try to change, there are many wonderful things to celebrate as well. To our parents and my children facing challenges right now, I wish you strength, courage and be easy on yourself – you are each in my heart!

And to all, however you celebrate, let go of expectations and demands, let go of the drama and simply enjoy. Find your voice and a new meaning.

*No matter how much falls on us, we keep plowing ahead.
That's the only way to keep the roads clear."*

- Greg Kincaid

**Dr. Neeta Bali
(Director-Principal)**

INTERACT CLUB

One more initiative by our interact club-International Cultural exchange Program

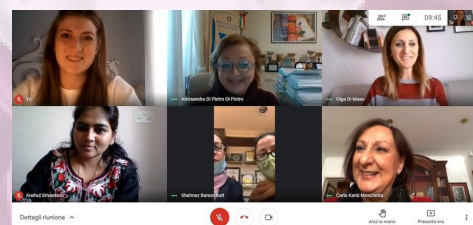
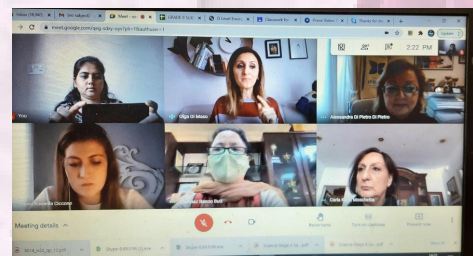
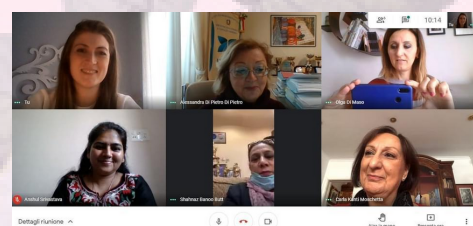
We are proud to announce that our Interact Club is collaborating with a school in Italy on a cultural exchange programme. The school "**Ilippo De Cecco**" is a 5-year secondary school of Hospitality based in Pescara, one of the biggest schools in the Region Abruzzo (center of Italy).

A virtual meeting was held between Ms. Alessandra Di Pietro (Principal of IPSSEOAF.DE CECCO),

Rtn. Carla Moschetta (Rotary e- club of connect), Rtn. Rossella Ciccone (Rotaract Pescara) Olga Di Maso (Project coordinator from Italy) Dr. Neeta Bali (Director-Principal of GDGWS) Ms. Shahnaz Banoo Butt (Deputy Head and Interact Club Incharge at GDGWS) and Ms. Anshul Srivastava (GDGWS Interact Club Mentor) to finalise the schedule of the project.

The exchange programme will run for seven weeks starting from Monday, March 22, 2021 to Friday, May 7, 2021

During the period of the programme the students of both schools will interact with each other online and share information about themselves, their countries, cultures, especially their food cultures. The students will learn from each other about their recipes and also learn about each other's language. We wish students participating from both schools an enjoyable learning experience.



TEDx Youth Conference

G. D. Goenka World School fraternity organised the first-ever virtual TEDx conference in Gurgaon on 16th of January 2021. The theme chosen was **“A Positive Metanoia”** which conveys an urge to induce a positive change in our local communities. We chose this message for individuals to reinstate their individuality. The TEDx event was a local gathering which is a grassroots initiative, created in the spirit of TED’s overall mission to discover and tribune “ideas worth spreading” amongst the youth. Our TEDx event was organised by our passionate students who seek to uncover new ideas and to share the latest research and innovations in the local areas that have the power to spark conversations in their communities. A TED talk, specifically is a showcase for speakers presenting change-inducing, well-informed ideas in under 18 minutes. This scientifically-backed, TED philosophy aided the students in communicating various ideas in the localities. Our event was a free-for-all initiative, therefore attempting to reach many people who needed direction, motivation and positivity in their lives.

We had 9 distinguished speakers willing to share their knowledge and ideas on debatable yet crucial topics. The nature of the topic varied greatly to touch each neoteric spectrum. We

covered a range of ideas from technology to real-life decisions, re-establishing perspectives on topics such as cybersecurity, human rights, artistic values and psychology. The speakers conveyed their message with vigour and fluency, thereby ensuring that the ideas were conveyed to the masses both live and virtual. The audience enthusiastically joined us from our YouTube Livestream and also the official Zoom meeting where the event was seamlessly conducted. We are grateful to Ms. Vanshika Goenka, Ms. Aparna Apte, Ms. Minal Anand, Ms. Swati Bhargava, Mr. Anoop Nautiyal, Mr. Rakshit Tandon, Ms. Reema Sanghvi, Mr. Amit Chowdry and our alumna, Ms. Priyam Sharma for their inspiring presentations.



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CASCADE 2021

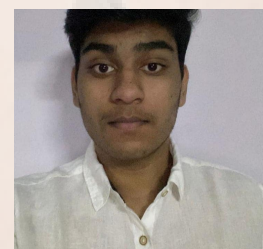
CAScade 2021 was an event which was organised by the **Chirec International School**. Our school participated in this event where we showcased one of the best CAS projects of our school – **The Nightingale Diadem**. We described how we went about this project and how we made this project so successful even during the Covid-19 pandemic. There were schools from different parts of India and overseas - Mexico, Italy, Saudi Arabia and many more. This was an exposure which was challenging specially during the Covid times. However, children gave their best in the CAS project. All the schools shared their best CAS projects. It was an extremely encouraging project.

As reported by Kandisa Aqarwal.



ENTREPRENEUR HUNT

Our students participated in the Entrepreneur hunt competition organised by **ENpower**. Three of our students got shortlisted in the top 400 beating 7300 students from 596 schools. Aditya Gupta, Sreyansh Mukerji and Krishn Kedia secured their position in IFT #3 Zonals. Now they have to submit a prototype of their individual ideas to get selected in the top 24. After securing their position in the top 24 they will fight for Grand Finale and 6 finalists will get a seed funding of INR 200000 for their future business. We thank our Business and Management faculty, Ms. Harpreet for assisting the students. We are proud of GDGWS students!



HUMANITIES WEEK

The first ever **virtual Humanities Week** was organised and celebrated in the first week of February, 2021.

The students and teachers participated with full fervour and enthusiasm. The week was divided into five exciting days while catering to the extent of 'Individuals & Societies'

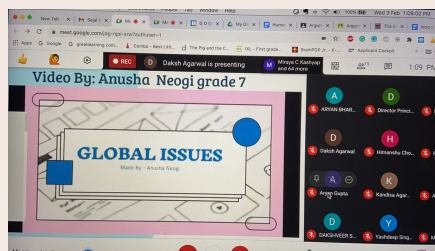
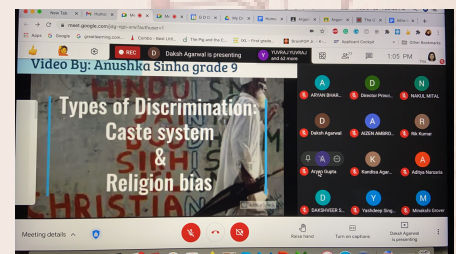
Day 1 began with hosting a session on a comprehensive overview of the U.S. admissions and application process for undergraduate studies with Ms. Aastha Virk Singh, Senior Adviser USIEF.

Day 2 was devoted to '**OCD Awareness Week, 2021**' a 'Photography Contest'. 1st to 11th of February, 2021 has been marked as the OCD Week of Action which is a global initiative aimed at changing people's perception about the illness and support those suffering from it. Students apprised the audience about what the disorder was its causes, symptoms, facts and Myths related to it. Students also discussed about the treatment and plan of action as a school.

Day 3 Special assembly was on **Student's Perspectives on Global Issues**. The day started with a discussion on catchy and burning issues that the world is facing through such as climate crisis, education for development, racism, biases and Global Public Health etc.

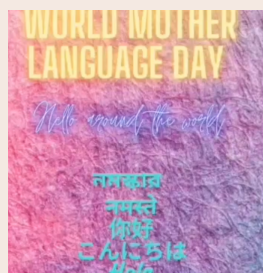
Day 4 the assembly was on Innovative Business Ideas by young entrepreneurs.

Day 5 there was a culmination assembly for the Humanities Week declaring the results of the photo Contest for grades 8 to 12 children with the theme, '**Artefacts in Our Lives**'. The first prize was bagged by Athena Biju followed by the second and the third prize by Ashutosh Pandey and Kanishka Sammi of grade 11.



INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

International Mother Language Day is celebrated every year on 21st February. The main purpose of celebrating this day is to promote the awareness of language and cultural diversity all across the world. Students made various presentations to display the uniqueness and importance of their mother tongue in the library class and shared their videos speaking aloud their favorite word from their mother tongue and its translation. This way students became more aware of the diversity within their classroom.



POEM EXCHANGE PROGRAM

CLS students had a poem exchange program with **W.C.Friday School, North Carolina**, to make our classrooms more multi-lingual and to encourage a multicultural environment in the classrooms. The poetry exchange programme was organized between the students of CLS and the students of a school in North Carolina. The students shared their personal interests and thoughts in the poems. This correspondence was very fruitful and unique and developed children's social skills and abilities, in addition to improving their reading, writing and presentation skills.

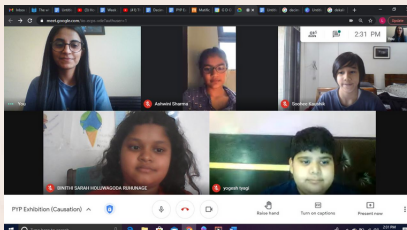
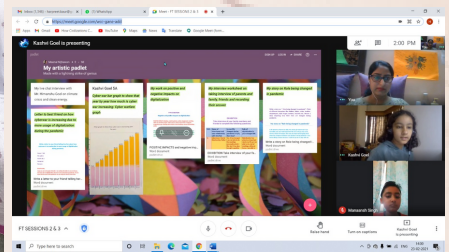


PYP

PYP EXHIBITION- A CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

The Primary Years Programme (PYP) exhibition is a significant event in the life of each Grade 5 student synthesizing the essential elements of the PYP (Knowledge, Approaches to learning, concepts, and action) and sharing their learning with the whole school community. It is a collaborative and an in- depth inquiry where students demonstrate their independence and responsibility of their learning. As a culminating experience students get an opportunity to exhibit the IBPYP Learner profile as well as demonstrate their understanding of the essential elements that they have been developing in all the years they have been in the PYP. The students get an opportunity to voice their field of interest they want to work on and take the ownership of their learning which happens to be a great exposure for such young kids. Students are guided by their mentors as they embark upon a journey of learning and becoming independent.

The mentors work in sync with a small group of students who guide them through the inquiry process; from formulation of research questions, to collecting and analyzing data, conclusion of their findings and finally presenting their understanding. It is indeed a pleasure to see them working with enthusiasm and sharing ideas, bringing forth their creativity and problem solving skills. This platform of PYP exhibition also gives a great deal of opportunity to exhibit all the five skills- Communication, Thinking, Self Management, Research and Social skills all of which are very important in the fast changing world today.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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