

VIN-VIEWS, IDEAS & NEWS

An expression of the aspirations of young Goenkans



Musings..

By Dr. Neeta Bali Director-Principal

As the winter skies clear up, we relish the light each day as the time lengthens and the sun wakes up earlier and slips beyond the horizon a little later. Spring is coming which fills us with hope. With that said, normalcy has resumed at the GD Goenka Community and we began meeting in person for the first time this year. This exam season, I want to encourage and convey my good wishes to all students. May you

study hard with confidence and dedication. Give your best and achieve new heights in your life.



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IBPYP EXHIBITION 2022

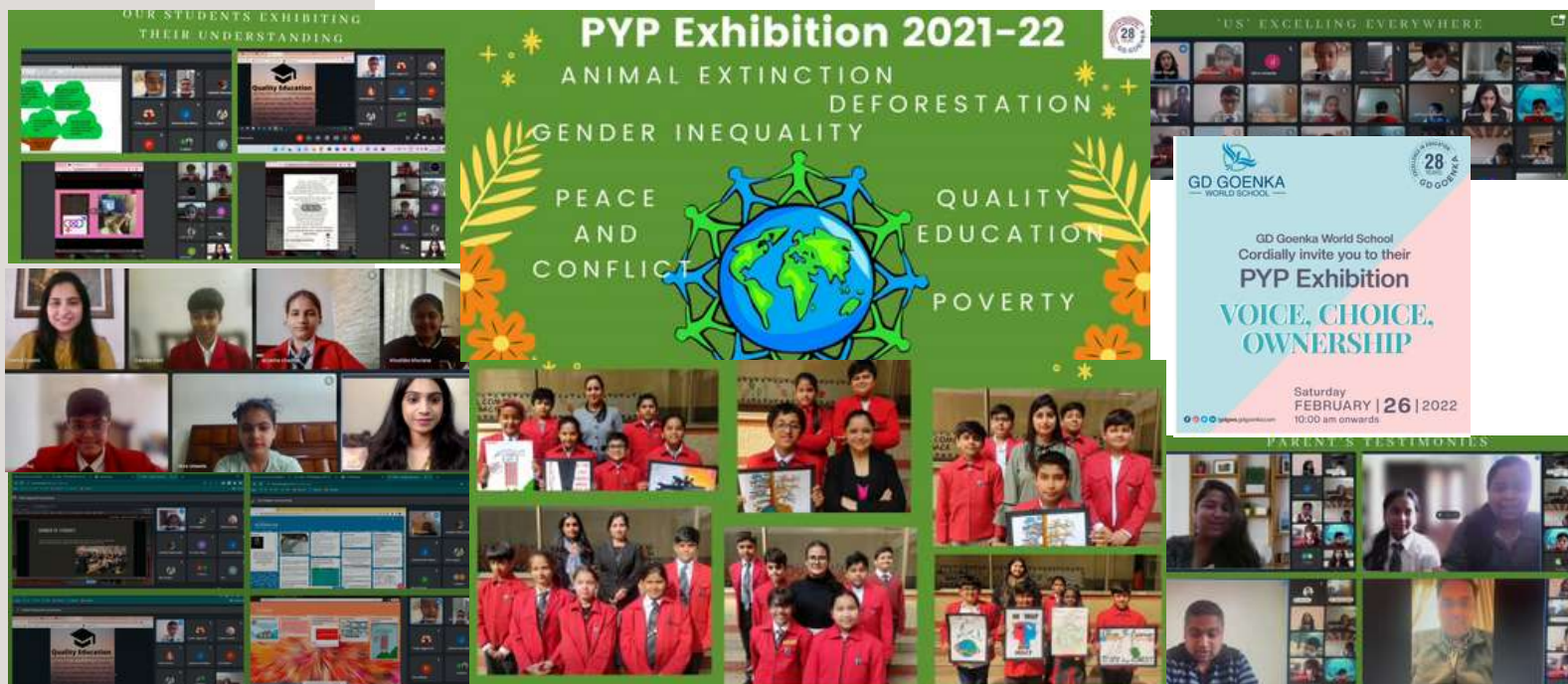
The IBPYP exhibition is the culminating, collaborative experience in the final year of the IB Primary Years Programme. Students at GD Goenka World School have been exploring, documenting and sharing their understanding of the issues chosen by them and presented

them through an online exhibition on Saturday, February 26, 2022.

PYPx is an important milestone in the educational journey of a PYP student, a platform for the students to think critically, solve problems that come their way, develop skills like

communication, research, teamwork, planning, goal setting, technological literacy etc.

The exhibition reflected the learning of the pupils, bringing to fore their skills of presentation and articulation.



THE MUN CORNER

GDGWS is pleased to share that in the SUVAKTA Miranda House MUN, Abhilaksh was appointed as Vice-Chair along with Krish Bansal as Co Vice-Chair in the Economic and Social Council committee having 50 delegates delegating under their guidance for a day. This marked Krish's 26th MUN and Abhilaksh's 40th MUN! The agenda of discussion was "Deliberation on the regulation of cryptocurrency and its impact on the world".

The boys were highly appreciated for their enthusiasm, knowledge, intellect and presence which made the conference a memorable one and definitely helped other delegates to gain some experience under their expertise and guidance. SUVAKTA MH MUN especially thanked both of them for their cooperation with the secretariat and their patience with the first timers!



Recently in Delhi University -Dayal College MUN dated 12-13 February 2022, Krish Bansal was appointed as substantive director in the United Nations General Assembly-Disarmament and International Security Committee committee. Krish marked his 27th MUN. The agenda of discussion being "Countering Terrorist Networks in conflicted Areas". The delegates were enriched, having been chaired by: Adarsh Kumar Singh, Krish Bansal and Vedansh Arora. Congratulations!

We are happy to announce that Shashank Singh Kataria has won Individual Silver, Individual bronze and Team Gold in The National Dressage Championship 2022/2023 Preliminary Level. In the Elementary Level Shashank Singh Kataria could bag the Individual Bronze. The team was placed in 4th position.

We are so proud of you Shashank !



I Think, Therefore IB

A webinar on - What parents should know about the IBDP?

Learn everything about the 2 year IB Diploma programme IBDP and its inherent advantages in experiential learning.

Friday, 25th Feb 2022
4:30 - 5:30 pm IST

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- Ms. Deepika Walian Development and Recognition associate manager for IB India
- Dr Manisha Mehta – Head, IB Diploma Program, GD Goenka World School, India

Some of the Questions that will be addressed in this webinar:

1. Is IB the right choice for you?
2. How does IB DP prepare the learner to face challenges and thrive in this era of uncertainty?
3. The 21st-century skills that a child develops during the 2-year programme
4. What is the IB DP Core? How does it make IBDP different from other curricula – EE, TOK, CAS
5. Some Reflections from the IBDP students of Class of 2022 and 2023
6. Recognition within India, future prospects for admissions

Register for the webinar
through the link given below
<https://forms.gle/rXqPYKi3ULzKTKFd6>

There are a lot of options available to parents in terms of curriculum that is suitable for the needs of their child. Usually, parents have queries related to the IB Diploma Program.

To help you make an informed call, we, at GDGWS organised a webinar anchored by experienced pedagogical leaders Director-Principal- Dr. Neeta Bali, IBDP Head- Dr. Manisha Mehta from GDGWS and Ms. Deepika Walian, Development and Recognition Associate Manager for IB India. Learn everything about the 2 year IB Diploma programme (IBDP) and its inherent advantages in experiential learning.

The Webinar - 'I think, therefore IB' catered to - What parents should know about the IBDP?

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It was an informative session for the parent, student and teacher participants about the 2 year IB Diploma programme & its inherent advantages in experiential learning



Finger on the Pulse!

Special Assembly on World Pulses Day

Pulses – These tiny, multi-colored seeds have been one of nature's nutritious foods since times past. We see them at the grocery store, the farmer's market and in many countries, they are part of our cultural heritage and daily diet.

To raise awareness of the nutritional benefits of pulses and their contribution to the sustainable food system, GDGWS CLS students organized a beautiful assembly on World Pulses Day on February 10 - designated and established by the United Nations. The theme was "Pulses to empower youth in achieving sustainable Agri Food systems" The students expressed the worth, value and benefits of Pulses, in an engaging and informative assembly!

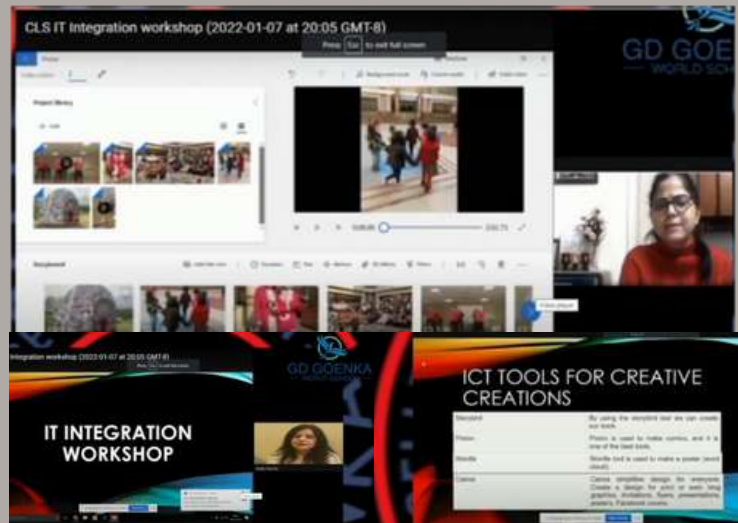


CLS SST Assembly

An SST Week special assembly was organized by our CLS students, which consisted of various folk dances and a presentation on 6 unheard and uncommon historical places of India by Grade 6. Students of Grade 7 performed a skit on the "Impact of social media on children" which was highly appreciated. One of our faculty members, Mr. Pranab Sharma, IBDP Business Management & Economics Facilitator was invited to inspire students of grade 7 for a panel discussion- "Globalization gamble or gambit". Students left the session enriched and invigorated!

IT INTEGRATION WORKSHOP BY GDGWS ICT TEAM

An IT Integration Workshop was conducted by GDGWS to explore the understanding of different IT tools and its usage in transdisciplinary teaching. The workshop organized by Middle school ICT facilitators Ms. Manisha Bhatt and Ms. Shailu Sharma, aimed at enhancing teachers' learning and development, using various IT tools in teaching methods and practices. The usage of different ICT tools for presentation, reflection, online collaboration such as Padlet, Canva and Video Editor were explained during the session. We look forward to more such workshops!



"...every right decision I've ever made—has come from my gut. And every wrong decision I've ever made was a result of me not listening to the greater voice of myself." - Humanitarian Oprah Winfrey

GDGWS believes in talking on topics which are always pushed under the carpet. As a school community we wish to make parents aware about child rights and prevention of child abuse. In order to understand more about it, Project CACA Zoom Workshop was organised on Saturday, February 12, 2022. Topic - Parent's Orientation on POCSO Act and Key Areas to work upon for child abuse prevention.

The issues of child rights, gender equality and child abuse are not limited to any particular school. They are relevant to any School. Project CACA, Children Against Child Abuse is an institution (school) driven and rights-based preventive safety programme for schools to keep our children happy, healthy and safe. It is based on life skills and value education teaching and covers child rights, gender equality and abuse prevention. It is implemented as a safety policy of the school. It follows a child-centric and holistic approach that involves all the stakeholders, i.e., children, parents, teachers and non-teaching/support staff

MY CAS JOURNEY - A STUDENT'S CANDID THOUGHTS!



"I am Shivom Takkar, GD Goenka World School IBDP year 1 student, and I would like to take you through my journey of a wonderful CAS project in the International DP CAS Student Summit 2021 that I was fortunate enough to be a part of. Our team from the international DP CAS Student Summit 2021 was chosen among the top 3 teams to present our project at the international I-CASP Exhibit on the 4th of February 2021, out of more than 25 teams, with each team consisting of at least 8 students.

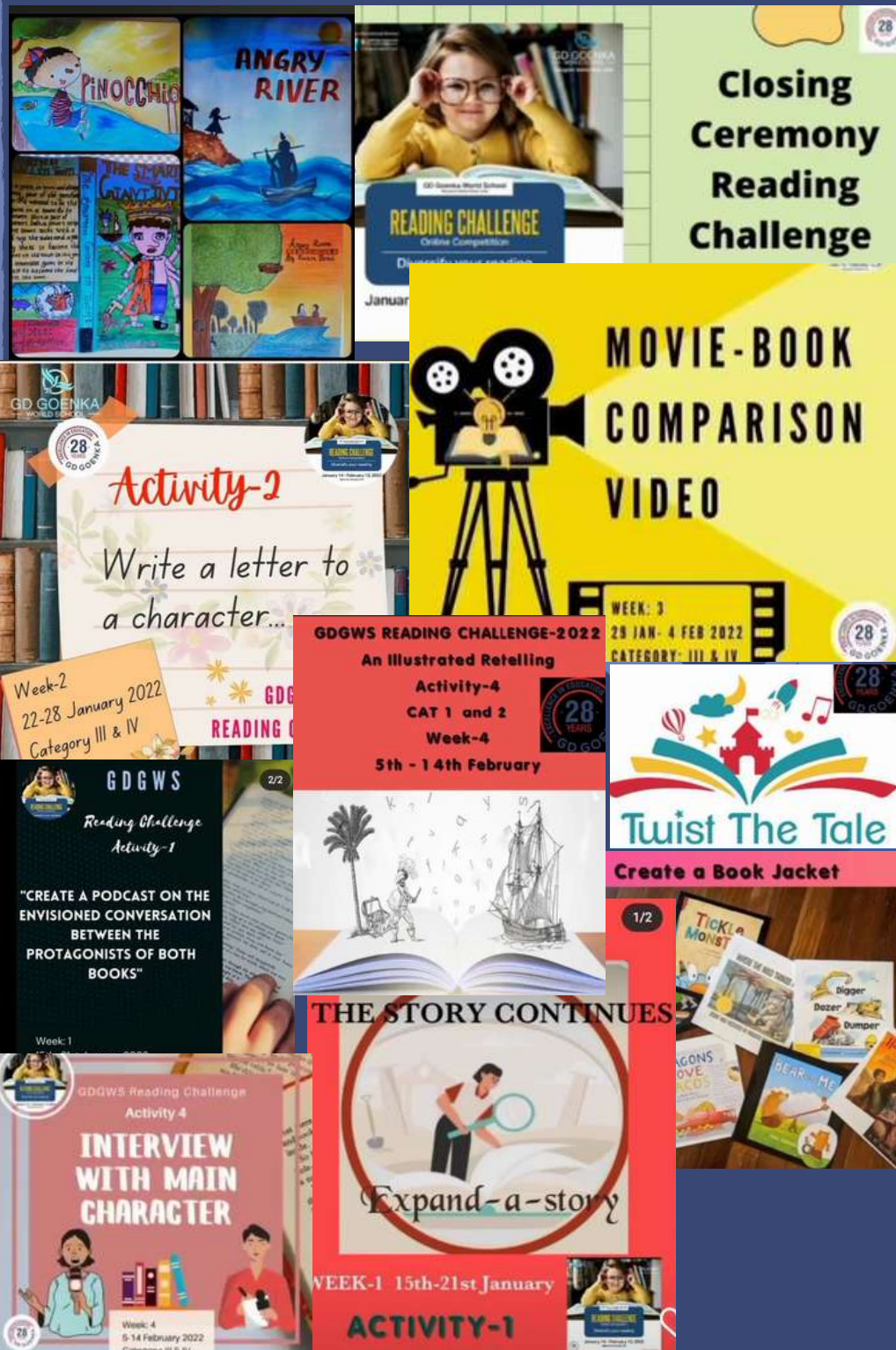
In August 2021 we started with 2 groups. I was chosen as the leader for one of the groups. Later on, the groups merged, hence forming Demolishment of Poverty Youth Organization - or DOP Youth; an organization aimed to assist and demolish poverty, striving to help those in need and self-sustain through commitment, creativity, and youth. We had members from India, Vietnam, The Philippines, Indonesia and Peru.

We undertook 4 projects in the time span of 5 months; the projects were: Gift for Giving, A Table for Two, Valorant Game Tournament, and Transparency reports. Overall, all our projects were very successful and we raised over \$300 to donate to those in need, as well as organizations that help reach SDG Goal 1.

I feel extremely blessed to be able to be a part of such a large scale project and help the community in any way possible!"



GDGWS Reading Challenge 2022



Goodbyes are hard to say but inevitable! The journey of GDGWS Reading Challenge 2022 has come to an end after a month of exciting reading activities, interactive sessions and reading. The closing ceremony was held on February 18, 2022. Student winners of all the 4 activities from each category were announced and their talent and hardwork was commended. We congratulate all winners and applaud the enthusiasm and skill shown by all participants. The work exhibited by each and every student was exceptional! We look forward to future competitions and new challenges like this!



Virtual fatigue - How do you bounce back?

An exclusive article by Director Principal- Dr. Neeta Bali in HT - January 31, 2022 student version.

With so many of us working and studying from home, it's hard to differentiate between work and home life. Creating a balance between both is important. "Turn it off!" - In a remote environment it is critical to know when and when not to use technology. Virtual Fatigue has existed for a while now and we must find ways to manage it. Each step towards change goes a long way and so we must have real conversations about how things should change.

Click on the link to read the complete article - <https://schoolepaper.hindustantimes.com/Home/MShareArticle?OrgId=3112b5a30e0&imageview=0>



All Goenkans joined hands together in solidarity to show their support to STOP the ongoing WAR! Students from 26 nationalities also voiced their concerns and prayed for the well being of all global citizens irrespective of caste, creed and color to put an end to this new crisis after two and a half years of the pandemic.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Semester exam grades 6-12
- Virtual PTM for Grade 12 IBDP students
- Grade 10 Board exams conclude.
- Semester Exams for Grades 6-8 and 11 conclude
- 18th March: Holiday Festival-Holi
- Semester exam grades 9 and AS and A Level conclude
- Whole School Virtual PTM
- Session break
- Orientation for new Admissions



2019 PULWAMA TERROR ATTACKS VIGIL: IN HONOUR OF THE FALLEN BRAVEHEARTS

February 14 marks the anniversary of gruesome Pulwama terror attack that killed 40 CRPF jawans. A group of vehicles carrying security personnel on the Jammu Srinagar National Highway was attacked by a suicide bomber at Lethpora in the Pulwama district, J&K. A special ceremony was organised by our students Abhilaksh and Karanveer Singh in the school campus in remembrance of the martyrs of Pulwama. Their bravery and supreme sacrifice motivates every Indian to work towards a strong and prosperous country. It was a humbling experience to witness such an initiative led by the students. They were able to spread the word not just in their school but also in their residential society with their friends and families who paid homage to our country's true heroes. Let's all salute the Martyrs of Pulwama attack. JAI HIND!



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