

VIN-VIEWS, IDEAS & NEWS

An expression of the aspirations of young Goenkans



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Musings..

By Dr. Neeta Bali Director-Principal

Time and again there have been calls for educators to believe in their students. In some unique way, we are all talented. Good teachers know this and encourage the realisation of excellence. For GD Goenka World School this means setting lofty standards in terms of cognitive and affective performance. With challenging goals often

come exceptional rewards and with self-belief, mountains can be conquered and personal growth assured. A strong human spirit drives us to excel.



ORIENTATION DAY

2022-23

April 2nd saw a number of new parents and students turn up for the Orientation Programme at G.D. Goenka World School. The programme comprised presentations by Director Principal, heads of programme and addressed by the administrator, after the ceremonial lamp lighting apart from the staff introduction which was hugely appreciated by the parents. We cordially welcome all new joiners to the GDGWS family.



BRIDGE COURSE- IBDP

DAY 1



For GDGWS new Grade 11 IBDP students, a BRIDGE COURSE was conducted from 6th to 8th April, 2022 in the first week of the school. Our students are from distinctive academic, social, and cultural backgrounds, they needed to be oriented around the IBDP Programme along with its core elements like CAS, TOK, Extended Essays and IAs for them to be called as informed learners of the programme.

It was bewitching to witness students attending it in huge numbers with all their attention and sincerity. It was quite an enlightenment for students through the course where they were encouraged to develop, debate, and co-create their understanding(s) around the IBDP Programme in general with their teachers.



DAY 3



It began with Director Principal Dr Neeta Bali's address on Day 1 along with the HOP, Dr. Manisha Mehta acquainting students around the IBDP calendar first followed by talking about 'Academic Integrity' which is the basis and the essence of the programme. The Course was then taken over by ALL IBDP teachers in the subsequent days acclimatizing students about the essentials of the programme. The bridge course definitely laid a solid grounding for the first year of Diploma Programme students and empowered them to stepping on the first rung of the IBDP ladder.

GDGWS welcomed the Goenkans in the academic year 2022-23, back in action. Their energy, smiles and everlasting enthusiasm is filling the school hallways with positive vibes.

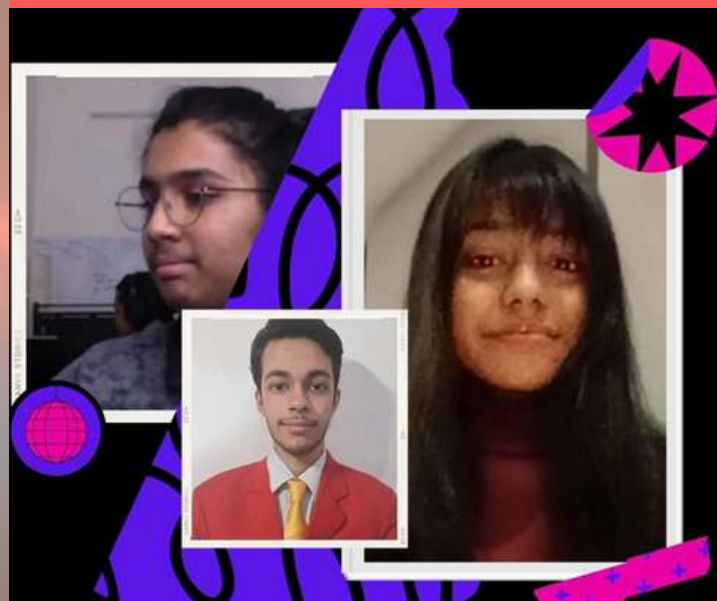
A NEW START!



GDGWS is proud to announce the results of 'Behes' National Debate Competition which was held on April 2-3, 2022. GDGWS Team - Athena Biju, Yelamate Advaith Rao and Ashutosh Pandey won the event and Athena Biju was adjudged as the best speaker. Behes is a non-profit initiative working to promote debate, public speaking and reasoned expression in schools and colleges throughout India and beyond. An all-India platform for young students to express themselves and debate some engaging and relevant topics. Every Behes tournament is a celebration of ideas, with students exploring a wide variety of topics and critically examining them. Designed to be interactive and challenging, each tournament rewards the top teams.



"BEHES"



Young Achievers!!

Shashank Singh Kataria is the youngest Indian rider to take the Asian Games Trials . Grabbing heap full of 5 Golds, 1 Silver and 2 Bronzes , Shashank gives full credit of his success as a rider to his own G D Goenka World School . He says, "I am thoroughly indebted to Director Principal Dr Neeta Bali and my teachers for believing in me from day one and doing everything that has fine tuned me to be a good horseman . The school has supported me to create equilibrium in academics and my passion in the best possible ways."

A staunch patriot, Shashank envisages to take part in Asian Games and Olympics and bring accolades for the country.

Glimpses of Shashank Singh Kataria adding fervour and flavour to Delhi Horse Show 2022



We congratulate Dhairya Segrawat of grade 10 on his stupendous performance in boxing. Dhairya has secured a silver medal at the district level, sub junior category and has been selected for state level. All the best, Dhairya. Keep shining!



IBDP Student , Kautilya Pandit joins" Young nation building a sustainable future" session as a speaker. Shri Om Birla , Shri Bhupender Yaddv, and Shri Savji Dholakia, Guests of Honor. Ms. Aarya Chavda, a 12-year old environment crusader, and Master Kautilya Pandit, IBDP student from GDGWS, popularly called Google Boy also joined the session as Special Guest.

PYP STARS

WHO MAKE US PROUD WITH THEIR
ACHIEVEMENTS!



YAJANT



HARSHIT



HRIDAAN



SHAURYA



ALLEN



UJJAY



ARYAMA

- Allen of grade 4 bagged 1st position & 100/100 in IOEL
- Shaurya Lathwal of grade 5 scored 1st position in Science Olympiad.
- Harshit of grade 5 scored 1st position and 100/100 in IOEL.
- Hridaan of grade 3 scored 1st position and 100/100 in IOEL.
- Aryama of grade 5 bagged 2nd position and 100/100 in International Science Olympiad.
- Ujjay of grade 5 bagged 2nd position in G.K. Olympiad.
- Yajant of grade 5 scored 100/100 in International Science Olympiad.





COFFEE MORNINGS IN ACTION !

GD Goenka World School hosted its first Coffee morning for the academic session 2022-23. The event saw many parents of students from Grades Nursery to 5 participate in understanding the PYP pedagogy, various policies etc. through an interactive session led by the form tutors. Looking forward to more such sessions!



International Collaboration

To develop International Mindedness, it is important to understand, respect and value different cultures and to see ourselves connected to the global community. Keeping this thought in view, a collaborative session was organized for Grade 4 PYP students with CLAYTON HUEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Center Moriches, NEWYORK, USA on 14th April 2022 (Thursday) where children got an opportunity to hear, talk and understand what being Internationally Minded is. Since there was a time gap of 9 hours, students from GDGWS didn't mind joining from their home at 7:45pm. Students showed their enthusiasm by presenting the dance ,posters, slides etc. followed by Q and A session .



It was a great opportunity for them to inquire more about International Mindedness. The project was steered by Ms. Meenal Nijhawan and Ms. Akanksha.

GDGWS Connect with Diplomatic Community



Our Director Principal presented at a conference hosted by GDGoenka University. Her presentation included various programmes of study offered. We thank G D Goenka University for the opportunity.



BUDDING TALENT



Amarah of PYP is surely a great chef in the making , following the footprints of her mother , celebrity chef , Julia D'sa! Go on and chisel your dreams into reality.



The Career Fair

We at GDGWS strongly believe that right guidance at the right time helps in giving the right direction to our career. It also enables us to utilize our skills and our corresponding talents in the best possible way. A group of 20 global university representatives on Tuesday, 19-April, interacted with students to provide opportunities to explore career paths in their respective streams, courses and university USPs in the same time. 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.



PLANTATTION DRIVE

Plantation drive by tiny PYP Goenkan. Green fingers at work!



WORKSHOP : HUMAN POWERED CYBERSECURITY

Cybersecurity and privacy education become as essential as basic math today. As the adage goes: "Our children are our future." Given today's cyber threats, we need to embrace an essential skill for kids to learn in order to keep this country safe in the future. Cyber security researcher Mr. Sahil conducted a workshop on human-powered cybersecurity and hacking web browsers. It will help students to learn to secure them in the online world.



VISIT TO TRANSPORT MUSEUM(PYP)

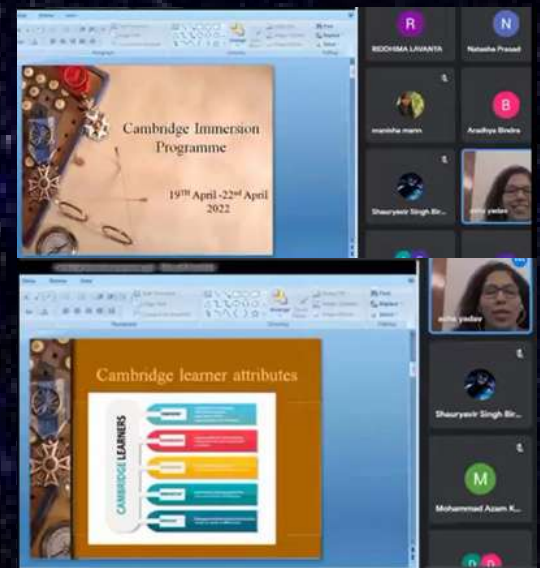


Grade 1 students from PYP visited the Transport Museum to enquire about means of transport. This is under the TD theme under PYP: 'How We Organize Ourselves.'

CAMBRIDGE IMMERSION PROGRAMME

At GDGWS, we believe that student orientation plays an important role in a student's transition to the next level. These programmes are aimed at familiarizing the students to an unknown campus environment, its faculties and infrastructure. It enables them to make essential connections with studies and develop networks among other peers. It is a much-needed program aiming to introduce students to both the academic and social aspects of an institution and its curriculum.

Along with the students, it is equally important for the parents to know the curriculum which their ward is marching into. The programme has been designed with the objective to relieve all anxieties of our students and their parents. The programme was initiated to facilitate the smooth transition of students from CLS to the IGCSE segment under the guidance of Director Principal - Dr. Neeta Bali.



The virtual session included:-

- Introduction to Cambridge curriculum- by- Ms. Asha Yadav -HOP-IGCSE and AS&A Levels
- Orientation to school policies and protocols* - Ms. Pallavi Chugh
- Personality development opportunities through social engagements- Ms. Anshul, Ms. Priya & Mr. Amit
- Cambridge curriculum Recognition and acceptability- Career options- Ms. Aruna Ahlawat- Career Counselor

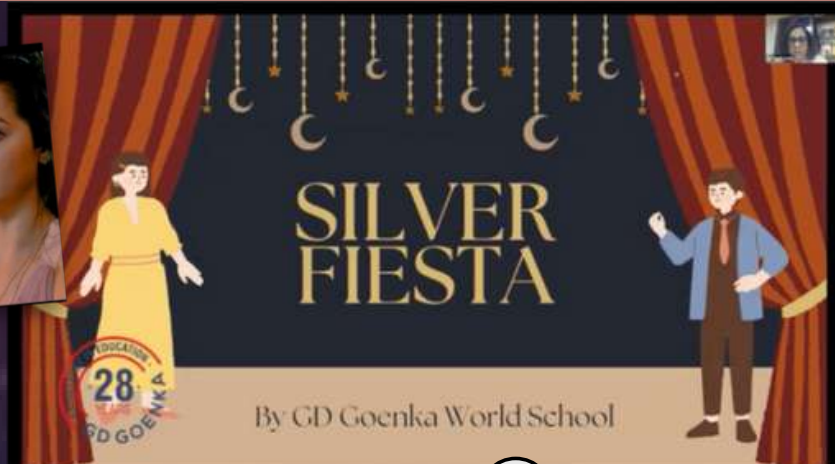


Recognition Day



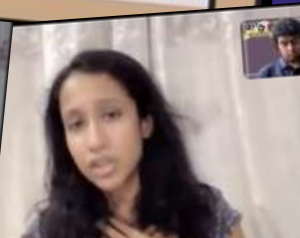
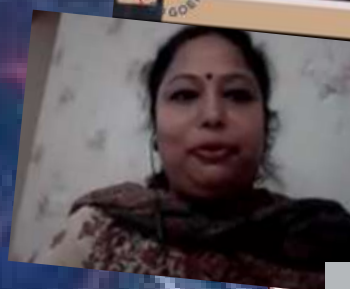
PYP segment saw all students of PYP recognised for their learner attributes and skills. The programme comprised beautiful presentations of student profiles, highlighting their strengths. The Director Principal urged parents to applaud endeavours of their children. Ms Deepika, Development and Recognition Associate Manager, India at International Baccalaureate and a parent of GDGWS, applauded the school for so effectively transacting the PYP curriculum in her address. Students gave scintillating performances on the occasion.





The Silver Fiesta 2022, an online, film critiquing event was hosted by GDGWS over Zoom. The competition was graced by the presence of Dr. Sudipta Sen Gupta and Ms. Tunali Mukherjee as judges. The event commenced with a dance performance by Kaynat Amarsinghe and was followed by a guitar strumming from Devansh Gupta. Our director principal, Dr. Neeta Bali then extended a formal welcome to the distinguished audience. The participants were shown a short video on the nuances of film critiquing by AO Forbes, and were then taken through the rules of the competition. The movie 'Chicken Girls' was screened for the participants to analyse. The 1hr 10 min movie was followed with a 45 minute discussion for the participants in breakout rooms, where they could analyze the movie based on the criteria given and prepare a presentation.

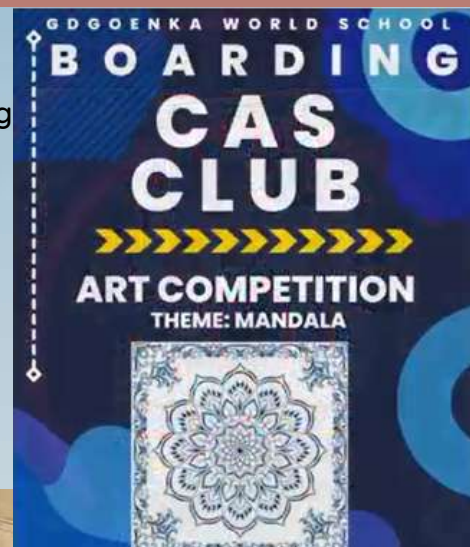
After each school finished their presentation, the judges commented on the elements of the film and on the presentations of the schools. Finally, there was the Director Principal's ending note and result declaration. An astounding 13 schools participated in the competition, and Scottish High International took home the first prize, followed by a tie for second place between GD Goenka World School and The Shri Ram School, Moulisari. GD Goenka Public School, Vasant Kunj followed up for 3rd place, and Step by Step, Noida ended up at 4th place. The 2022 Silver Fiesta culminated with Ms. Anupama Chopra's vote of thanks to the audience.



BOARDING CAS CLUB

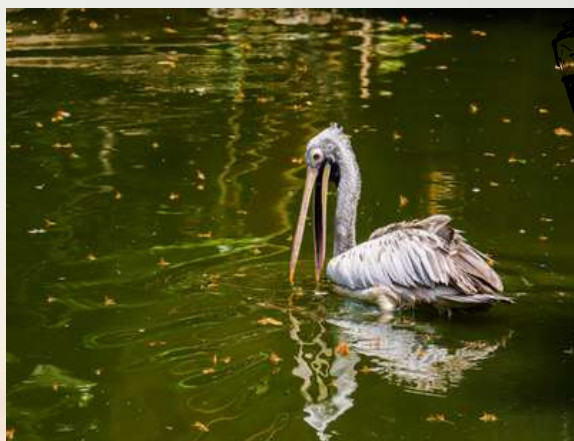
GDGWS boarders from IBDP have initiated a CAS Art Club in the boarding. They interacted with the juniors through interesting activities. This CAS initiative was a weekend engagement for all boarders to allow them to participate in an art competition to build on their artistic skills and introduce them to 'Mandala Art.'

Younger students were enthusiastic and eagerly taking part. Students tried their best and made amazing mandalas with the support of Ms. Sabrina- House Parent and our wonderful students, Tanvi, Aditya and Daksh.



PICTURE PERFECT!

A Photography Project was given to all students of grades 7th to 12th on the theme -"Birds". Students participated with great vigour and zeal. The best ones will be selected for the calendar of 2023.



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