



VIN-Views, Ideas & News

AN EXPRESSION OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF YOUNG GOENKANS



Musings...

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Why must we have conversations with kids?

Learning how to talk with and listen to other people takes time and practice for a child. Some children pick this up quickly, and others might need more practice, prompts, reminders and guidance. More importantly, they can learn social-emotional values like empathy. When we engage in empathetic conversations with children, they may be able to grasp the idea of comforting somebody who needs support.

As children learn through their fond experiences and are aware that we are there for them no matter what, they can trust us better. They can approach us with their problems in a non-threatening manner and without any hesitation. Just like all of us, each child wants to be heard too. Before you know it they will grow up and will be ready to face the world. So, let's start talking to them today.



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Saksham Kaushik of IBDP year 1, had the privilege of working under the guidance of Assistant Professor, Ms Satwinder Kaur and Mr Sarvjeet Herald, Professor RoboGenius, India where Saksham along with his mentors reviewed various algorithms used for data analysis and forecasting COVID-19.

Saksham proudly shared that he had completed the Python course in the year 2020 wherein he polished his data-driven research along with his innate curiosity to adapt the COVID-19 data to fit the model and predict data for the next one year. He felt reassured about his existing skills and realized the growth and potential of the existing model he was working on. He was guided by his mentors to shortlist the model and he adapted the data himself as he discovered new ways to display the data.

GDGWS is extremely proud of Saksham's accomplishments at such a young age! We wish him all the best in his future endeavors and cherish the role we played as a learning community.

SOARING HEIGHTS !



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TOPPER

Heartiest congratulations to Shaurya Lathwal of Grade 6 for becoming an Olympiad topper of International Science Olympiad. He secured the first rank at state level and won a gift certificate also. Shaurya is a science enthusiast, who is always ready to explore new horizons. Way to go ! GDGWS is proud of you.

A CHAMP IN MAKING

Unnati Jindal of Grade-7B won a Bronze medal in Thailand Karate Championship held in Phuket, Thailand. Congratulations Unnati and all the best!



CLASS ASSEMBLY- METAVERSE TECHNOLOGY



"Leading a child to learning treasures gives a teacher untold pleasure."

GDGWS Grade-7A students conducted a special assembly on Metaverse Technology, a digital reality that combines aspects of social media, online gaming, augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR), and cryptocurrencies to allow users to interact virtually.

Congratulations to all Grade-7A students who have done a wonderful job and the parents who always support them.



SOCCKER FEVER !

The Inter-House Soccer Tournament for IGCSE took place with great enthusiasm and energy amongst the students. This year the tournament was conducted on a league system, where each house got three matches to play. Every house player exhibited excellent skills and teamwork during the tournament which made this event successful. Nyssa House was the winner of the tournament with Meireles and Kunal Mital being the top scorers of the tournament scoring 4 goals each. Cycas House was placed second and Sorbus House third.

SESSION ON TOK ESSAY

The TOK Essay is an essential requirement of the IB Diploma program which encourages the students to explore, discover and articulate their views on knowledge.

A session on the Unpacking of the May 2022 TOK prescribed Titles was held on the 19th of September 2022 on the school premises which unfolded the highly challenging and demanding titles for the students. The Director Principal Dr. Neeta Bali graced the session and motivated the students with her words of wisdom. The three TOK facilitators, Dr. Manisha Mehta, Ms. Sonia Kochhar, and Ms. Monika Ohri took the initiative to provide the students with ideas and the underlying assumptions for each title.



Unpacking refers to giving an idea about how to go about each of the prescribed titles of the essay: the key terms, key concepts, probable KQ, AOKs, real-life examples, etc. The students shared their views and listened to what others had to share. Through this process of dialogue and discussion, an enriching atmosphere was created which will help students plan and structure their Essays appropriately.

INTER-HOUSE QUIZ COMPETITION

An Inter-House Quiz Competition was conducted for the students of Cambridge Lower Secondary, based on the theme "Indian Constitution".

It was not only a chance for students to display their awareness and knowledge about their country, but also evoked healthy competition among students and urged them to expand their horizon of knowledge as to know the general and necessary facts about Indian Constitution.

Cedrus House bagged the first position, and Nyssa House was the runner up. All students participated with great zeal and enthusiasm.





TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Goenkans paid tribute to their loving teachers for their diligence and unstinting support .



The students from different segments presented a special assembly with some stellar performances.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-23

The Investiture Ceremony is one of the momentous occasions when the school entrusts hope, faith, and responsibility to the newly appointed cabinet. It signifies the reliance and confidence that the teachers and students consign upon them.

To inculcate the leadership qualities in the students, a school prefectorial board was formed based on electronic voting and the speech delivered by the nominated students for the much-deserved posts. The Director Principal Dr. Neeta Bali inspired and motivated the elected leaders to be dutiful and responsible. We extend our heartiest congratulations to all the students.



The Cambridge Lower Secondary Segment also formed their Student Council following a similar process of voting and elections with the vision of empowering the young Goenkans.

CAREER FAIR

GDGWS hosted an exclusive Australia and UK Career & University Fair for school students to meet top University Representatives.

Fairs are a great opportunity for the students to interact with educators from prestigious institutions and discuss their higher education pathways. We strongly believe that the right guidance at the right time helps in giving the right direction to the career and allow students to pursue their college dreams.

During the interaction, the university representative apprised the students about their programs, admissions policies, funding opportunities for international students, and life on campus.



MATHEMATICS WORKSHOP



"The Power of Mathematics" workshop was held by Prof. Surya Banerjee, a Mathematics professor from the Centre for Mathematics and Computing (CEMC) at the University of Waterloo. Prof. Banerjee offered a fun-filled and challenging mathematics workshop for math teachers and grades 11 and 12 students. His session primarily introduced students to game theory and its application to Business and Economics.

He introduced students to exciting careers related to Mathematics and Business and helped them see the possibilities these fields of study can offer.

HINDI DIWAS CELEBRATION

"Hindi is our mother tongue and it is a scientific language too. In our thirst for exploring new horizons of knowledge and learning new languages, we should not forget our mother tongue."

CLS students celebrated "Hindi Diwas" by conducting an enthralling and mesmerizing assembly, which included a hilarious take on modern rifts and rows through a Nukkad Natak. Students conveyed their love for the language through beautiful dance performances and heart touching poems. The assembly concluded with a beautiful message through a poem from the Director Principal Dr. Neeta Bali which inspired and motivated students to work hard and accomplish more in life.



WORLD SUDOKU DAY

CLS students enjoyed celebrating "World Sudoku Day" by engaging in an exciting outdoor activity, where they solved a sudoku puzzle drawn on the ground along with their classmates. The activity not only exercised their brains by the invigorating search for patterns and numbers. It also encouraged teamwork and bonding among them.



CAS INITIATIVES

FEED4PAWS - CAS PROJECT

An initiative FEED4PAWS was organised by our Goenkans Ritwik Kaushik, Krish Tandon, Rohan Chaudhary, Evan Kasania and Suraj Saha from IBDP. The goal of the initiative was to raise 50 kgs of rice, to be transported to the animal shelter in Bhati village for Kalyani Animal Welfare Foundation, a non-profit organisation based near Delhi, organised and managed by Ms. Dorothy. Rice is primarily fed to the dogs at the shelter.

Let's make lives of dozens of dogs found in that shelter a little better. Some have been deserted by their owners, others abused, some rescued and others who never had a nurturing hand over them.

Feed4Paws is an initiative contributing to not only animals but also to us, to serve our part in the community.

A special thanks to the IB CAS coordinator Mr Jinas and Ms. Dorothy for her support.



Diwali Donation Drive - A CAS initiative by Suraj Saha, Evan Kasania and Nikita Marwah

A project was initiated to bring joy to the lives of around 550 mentally and physically challenged residents in an NGO rescue center called "The Earth Saviours Foundation" (T.E.S.F) which is an internationally acclaimed and recognized non-profit organization, established in 2008 by Shri Ravi Kalra and is currently based in Haryana.

Their goal has been to dedicate their lives to serving the underprivileged, providing a safe haven for mistreated animals and making every possible effort to protect the environment where steps are taken forward rebuilding peoples' lives. The students aim to become a helping hand that supports T.E.S.F motives.



BECOMING AWARE

At 75 years of India's independence, with the intention to create an awareness about health, nutrition, social and emotional well-being in young people, an online webinar 'Let's make Health a Habit' was conducted.

This webinar was a platform to address student queries when we have just come out of the pandemic amid uncertainty, encouraging them to field their questions to the experts.

The counselor Ms Unnati took a session on awareness about behavioural patterns and mental disorders.

Behavioural disorders are patterns of behavioral or psychological symptoms that impact multiple areas of life. These disorders create distress for the person experiencing the symptoms.

Some of the symptoms can be observed tangibly.

We can term them yellow alerts which can help you to notify and optimize your child.

Some Yellow Alerts :- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, Stress disorder, Depression, Anxiety disorder, Panic attack.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Semester examinations
- Pre boards for Grade 10
- MUN on 10th and 11th December
- Trident

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