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AN EXPRESSION OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF YOUNG GOENKANS



Musings...

BY DR. NEETA BALI DIRECTOR-PRINCIPAL

*"Light the lamp of wisdom,
dispel the darkness of
ignorance"*

- Bhagwad Geeta

I hope you all could relax and spend time with family and friends during the Diwali break. It had been a challenging term but overall we have shared excellent moments, celebrations of what the students have achieved and lots of quality lessons and learning experiences.

Our students are such a source of joy, and I could not be happier to have our school students back in person again.

Our campus has come back to life, and we are all savoring the sense of normalcy that the school day provides.

I am confident beyond a doubt that our spirit and positive energy, teamwork, and dedication to excellence for our Goenkans will guide us through this year.



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GDGWS AT THE FOREFRONT OF LEADERSHIP

Congratulations GDGWS for North India's School Merit Awards 2022 - Ranked No.1 as the "Most Inspirational Secondary School" in Haryana by Education Today.

We are proud and pleased to share that G. D. Goenka World School- Sohna is ranked No.1 in "Most Inspirational Secondary School" in Haryana in the International Category by an esteemed jury panel for "The North India's School Merit Awards Survey" conducted by the leading education magazine, Education Today.

The Award ceremony was held on October 11, 2022 at "The Radisson Blu Plaza" to felicitate the school award winners. The list of awardees will be published in a special report in a forthcoming issue by the magazine, Education Today.



We are proud to announce that GDGWS is ranked amongst the top International Day-cum-Boarding Schools in the Education World India School Rankings 2022-23. The award is a testimony to the efforts invested by the Management, the entire academic staff and parents in nurturing excellence.

For the past 15 years, Education World has been publishing the Annual Education World India School Rankings (EWISRA) with C fore — the well-known Delhi-based market research and opinion polls agency. They rate and rank over 4,000 of India's most high-profile schools on 14 parameters — academic reputation, faculty competence, leadership quality, sports education, etc. EWISRA 2022-23 is the world's largest and most in-depth school ratings and rankings survey based on field interviews with more than 14,000 knowledgeable stakeholders in school education countrywide.

SEL Activity: Empowering Young Minds

Building social skills and skills development is a lifelong process and is a crucial part of our success in life. Giving children the opportunity to develop their emotions, empathy, and social skills is one of the best ways to prepare them for life ahead.

Considering the development of social skills as one of the major ATL skills, GDGWS students are engaged in various SEL activities. These promote tasks such as taking turns, reading facial expressions, teamwork, self-management and paying attention.

These develop healthy interpersonal bonds through games and activities by making learning a more enjoyable experience.



International Award for Young People

With great pride, we would like to congratulate Akshat Garg for winning the Bronze medal for the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Starting from organizing Sports Day at an underprivileged school to teaching English to utility staff, Blood Donation Camp, Fundraising for charity, mask and clothes donation drives, co-awareness drive which was about raising awareness about the COVID-19 vaccines in India, GDGWS students leave no stone unturned for serving the community.



Touching New Horizons !

Adi Mishra, IBDP student of 2022 got selected with Emirates Flying Academy, in Dubai. He is the only Indian student who got selected in the assessment which was conducted from 17th October till 21st October.

Kudos to you Adi!



Science Masterminds Lead the World!

Heartiest congratulations to Shaurya Lathwal of Grade 6 for becoming an Olympiad topper in the International Science Olympiad. He secured 1st rank at state level and won a gift certificate. A science enthusiast, he is always ready to explore new horizons.

Way to go Shaurya! GDGWS is proud of you!



FESTIVITIES GALORE !!

Students of Grade 3 put up an amazing assembly on the occasion of Diwali for the parents of PYP and the parents. The Director Principal and the parents were awed by the confidence of the young children in putting up the assembly. Congratulations to the parents, students and the staff involved for such a mesmerizing event.



Dussehra was celebrated at GDGWS through a short Ram Leela Dance Drama act by the students of grades 1 and 2 followed by the killing of Ravana but with a twist. The students were made aware of what the ten heads of Ravana represented and how each one of them can affect our lives- attachment, anger, lust, greed, pride, envy, hatred, fear, ego and intellect. This was followed by a 'Garba Dance' by all the students of Grades Nursery to 5.

INCULCATING VALUES

"Politeness is imperative."

Being polite is about showing heartfelt appreciation to others. As a part of unit integration, the Kindergarten students shared various ways to show gratitude towards our community helpers. Students spoke about basic manners of using magic words and treating our community helpers with kindness and respect. This interactive session was conducted to foster a sense of teamwork within a child's world and appreciate a feeling of belonging.



THE SPORTY SPIRIT !

"Sports and games for PYP students nurture holistic growth."

PYP students engage in stimulating games and sports such as boat race, yoga and basketball drills. This helps students to enhance self management skills, social skills and in addition develop their learner profile attributes like risk-takers, open mindedness and being principled. Such activities enable them to become more confident and learn open mindedness by accepting failures and challenges.

VISIT TO UID

Report by CLS Publication Prefect -Aarna Bhan (8B).

Our visit to GD Goenka University was an inspiring and insightful experience. We walked through a beautiful pathway surrounding sprawling gardens on both sides. We entered the building, which welcomed us with stunning artwork, pottery, fashion designs, and overall astounding creativity. We headed to a room full of tables and split into groups for a collaborative team task. Sir Amir Nayyar, questioned us about basic knowledge of clay, its movement, and related questions about coiling, rolling, and pinching.



We learnt and understood the movements of clay in detail and its relevance and application in real life. We were given three tasks to conquer: to make containers using only coiling, only pinching, and only rolling. We excelled in all the tasks and could assimilate how useful clay is to reality. Clay can be used to make models, jewelry and to make other structured objects. The lesson inspired many students, and we all enjoyed it thoroughly. Thank you GD Goenka University for this informative lesson. We cannot wait to learn more!!

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION



Halloween, a global festival, was celebrated with much fun and fanfare by PYP & CLS students. The celebration saw students dressed up in various costumes to celebrate the spirit of Halloween. The students came dressed in various outfits to mark the welcoming of good spirits and driving away of the bad spirits in their lives. They got the opportunity to go trick or treating, enjoy candy, and dance at a Halloween party.



GANDHI JAYANTI



Gandhi Jayanti, which falls every year on 2nd October is celebrated to mark the birth of one of the most famous freedom fighters of India, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi- an Indian lawyer, anti-colonial nationalist and a political ethicist. GDGWS IBPYP students celebrated Bapu's birthday with great zeal, enthusiasm and patriotism. Gandhi Ji's ideology and contributions towards Indian independence were showcased skillfully through various mediums like song, thoughts, talks, dance performance and a skit.

GDGWS's Interact Club for the Community

GDGWS is honored to share that the Goenkan interactors decided to contribute to the noble cause of eradication of the dreadful disease, Polio. Every year India organizes the National Immunization Drive to eradicate Polio. The Rotary Club has been actively associated with this drive on the International level. The interactors of GDGWS got in touch with Dr. Kella Price, an active Rotarian, a fitness expert and a beauty pageant from Texas, USA and invited her and Rotarian Dr. Nischal Pandey, who is a recipient of the "Service above Self award" to meet them in person.



Dr. Kella Price interacted with the students and discussed with them the hurdles of ignorance and unacceptance towards the vaccine amongst the people of developing countries. They also discussed how Rotary is bridging the gap between the government and people by educating them about the relevance of vaccines. The interactors found it challenging and shared ideas with Dr. Price as to how they could contribute towards eradication of Polio.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- CAS trip to Jim Corbett
- Trident 2022
- PYP-Skype Session with an International School
- Outbound Trip: Experiential Learning Programme
- Children's Day Celebrations

Interact club of GD Goenka World School under the dynamic patronage of Director Principal, Dr Neeta Bali, shall be working in close coordination with Dr. Price towards bringing positive changes in the society.

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