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Musings...

By Mrs Sonali Sinha

Principal of G.D. Goenka World School

Weathering the Storm - Learners' Challenges

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

In the face of storms, we find the most extraordinary rays of inspiration. Our IBDP achievers have shown us that even amidst the rain, they can shine brighter than ever, surpassing the world average with their exceptional accomplishments. I wish to use this chance to congratulate Nikita Marwah for attaining the position of world topper and securing a perfect score of 45/45. Life's journey may have its difficulties, but remember that every challenge is an opportunity for growth. Let us embrace these moments with unwavering strength and unyielding optimism. Just as the rain nourishes the earth, challenges nourish our souls.

Together, let's persevere, staying prepared and ready for whatever life brings. Keep in mind that life's highs and lows make the journey more thrilling.

With a determined focus and unwavering spirit, we'll stay in the groove, triumphant over any obstacles that dare stand in our way.

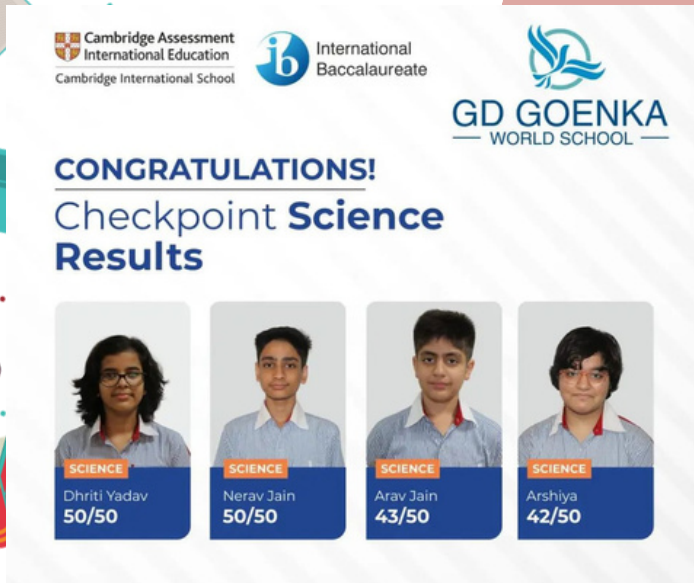
The resilience and determination of our learners remind us to never give up on our dreams. So let's march forward with courage, knowing that we have the power to conquer anything that comes our way.



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Outstanding Achievers



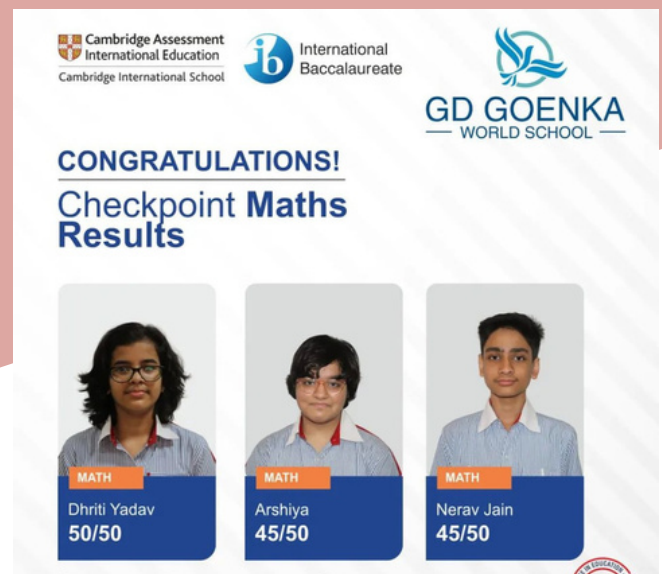
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CONGRATULATIONS!
Checkpoint **Science** Results

Student	Score
Dhriti Yadav	50/50
Nerav Jain	50/50
Arav Jain	43/50
Arshiya	42/50



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Checkpoint **Maths** Results

Student	Score
Dhriti Yadav	50/50
Arshiya	45/50
Nerav Jain	45/50

We proudly celebrate students who achieved outstanding scores in the Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint Exams. Dhriti Yadav excelled in all 3 subjects with outstanding scores. The following students also excelled in the given subjects:

Nerav Jain: Science and Maths

Arshiya: Science and Maths

Arav Jain: Science

Aarna Bhan: English

Kudos to students for their exemplary performance in Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint Exams!



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Student	Score
Dhriti Yadav	49/50
Aarna Bhan	48/50

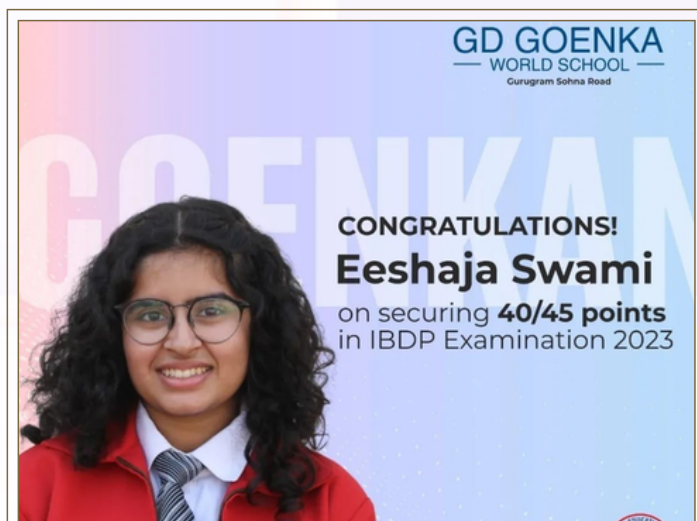
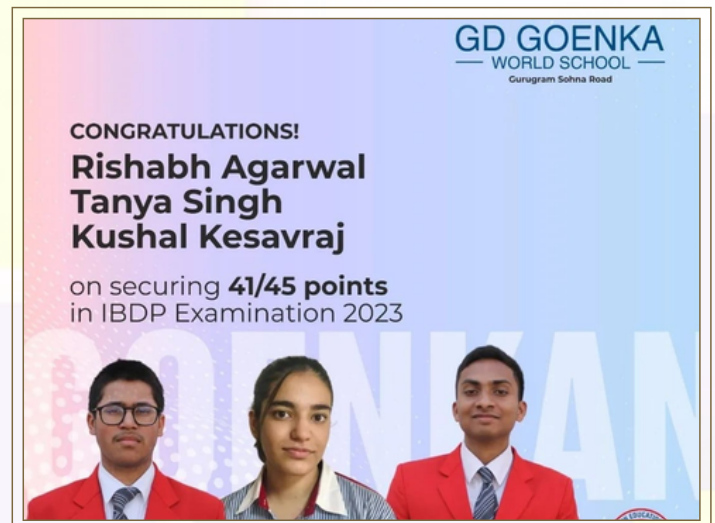
ABOVE AND BEYOND

Congratulations to the outstanding students of GD Goenka World School's IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) for their exceptional academic results! Your hard work, perseverance, and dedication have truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of your achievements.



Throughout the rigorous two-year journey of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, you have shown immense dedication and a thirst for knowledge. Late-night study sessions, group projects, and moments of doubt have all been conquered by your unwavering commitment to excellence. Your remarkable accomplishments have set you apart as true scholars.

To the parents, guardians, and teachers who have supported and guided these exceptional students, we extend our heartfelt appreciation. Your unwavering belief in their abilities and tireless encouragement has played a crucial role in their achievements.



As you embark on the next chapter of your lives, remember that this is just the beginning. Your success at GD Goenka World School is a solid foundation upon which you will build your dreams and aspirations. Embrace the opportunities that lie ahead, and let your knowledge and talents shine in whatever path you choose.

SOARING PAST THE SKIES

Abhilaksh, a brilliant graduate from the IBDP Class of 2023, has successfully earned his diploma! He is now set to pursue Politics and Law at the esteemed University of Windsor in Ontario, Canada.

Abhilaksh's outstanding academic achievements and active involvement in extracurricular activities have garnered him admission offers from renowned Canadian universities, including UBC USask, Mount Allison, Brock University & York University of Guelph.



Meet Gia Wadhwa, a standout Grade 12 IBDP student in the Harvard Sustainability Leaders Challenge 2023. She's a top 10 finalist in 'Neighbourhood Sustainability,' focused on waste reduction. Gia and her partner from Pune initiated recycling, composting, and awareness efforts, even suggesting a waste-to-electricity plant. This challenge fueled her passion for the environment and social responsibility. Join us for a greener future through prioritized sustainability, creating lasting change together.

Warmest congratulations to Suraj Saha for receiving multiple attractive placement offers from universities spanning different continents such as The University of Warwick and the University of Manchester. We extend our best wishes for a successful and enriching educational journey ahead.



RESUMING THE VOYAGE

The devoted teachers and staff of GDGWS worked tirelessly to prepare an array of engaging lessons and interactive activities after the fantastic summer vacations children had.



The Torch of Awareness

An 'Anti-Bullying' session was conducted on the 26th of July 2023 by the school counselor, Ms Unnati, for the Cambridge Lower Secondary segment. The purpose of this event was to raise students' awareness about different types of bullying and how they occur. To illustrate this, student council members performed a role play showcasing various types of bullying and the indirect role bystanders play. The outcome of this event was gaining insight into the different forms of bullying, their identification, and preventive measures.



A JOURNEY BEYOND



TRAVEL DIARY

Our Singapore trip was an extraordinary experience that expanded our horizons, ignited our curiosity, and brought us closer as an international community. A day of special significance - we visited the IB Singapore office where our students had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet senior IB officials.



From the captivating wildlife at Mandai Wildlife Reserve and the thrilling night safari to the immersive science exhibits at the Science Museum, our adventure was filled with wonder and exploration. We delved into the secrets of the universe, experienced exhilarating rides at Universal Studios, and enjoyed stunning views from the Singapore Flyer. The city's iconic landmarks including the Merlion left us in awe, and our shopping sprees added a sweet touch to our journey. Oh, and Universal Studios - the place we had all been eagerly waiting for!

Exploring various themed areas including Jurassic Park, Hollywood, and more, we embarked on an unforgettable journey filled with exhilarating rides!

Experiencing History

The boarders of G D Goenka went on a voyage to The National Museum, New Delhi. The museum's diverse exhibits provided a captivating exploration of history, culture, and art. From ancient artifacts to thought-provoking installations, students delved into the rich tapestry of the nation's heritage.

This immersive experience kindled a newfound passion for learning beyond textbooks, underlining the importance of hands-on education. The trip's impact was evident as students engaged in thoughtful reflections, cementing the school's commitment to fostering holistic growth and an enduring love for knowledge.



FRESH FACES-GDGWS ORIENTATION



GDGWS conducted its orientation session to welcome the new Goenkans and was a perfect blend of interaction and information. The school principal, Mrs Sonali Sinha ignited the fire within everyone with her compelling speech. She spoke about striving for excellence, soaring to greater heights and embracing the opportunities by availing them. The pedagogy, methodology and philosophy of the school were also introduced.

A strong partnership between home and school was forged, ensuring our little Goenkans receive the best education possible. We concluded the session with an exclusive segment-wise interaction with the parents. It was a valuable opportunity to gain insights into the specific curriculum and activities our children will be engaged in. Thank you to all the parents, students, and staff members who made this day truly memorable!



FORGING CONNECTIONS

Exciting moments from 'Meet the Principal' session at GD Goenka World School

"Continuing the tradition of fostering growth, building relationships, and empowering students, another 'Meet the Principal' session was held for the new Goenkans. In this session, the incredible head of the institution, Mrs. Sonali Sinha, engaged in an interactive discussion with the new students."



The meaningful conversations revolved around social and academic development, self-awareness and making the most of the opportunities offered with the support of the teachers and mentors. The students had an unforgettable time during this delightful session where they received a warm welcome and felt at home, eagerly anticipating the upcoming learning experiences.



Uniqueness in Teaching

PDP Sessions

"Every Child Deserves a Champion!" At GD Goenka World School, we believe in the power of connection and the potential of our teachers to be true champions for our students.



We introduced the Lead Educator Programme, an innovative initiative aimed at further empowering our teachers. They had the opportunity to delve into Teaching and Learning in the Cambridge classroom with Ms. Deepika Walian (Senior Manager North & Central India at Cambridge Assessment International Education) during the resource session. Additionally, an insightful in-house workshop on 'Social Emotional Learning' was conducted."



Our teachers had an incredible time honing their skills and getting ready to welcome back our students with renewed energy and enthusiasm. The exclusive training opportunities provided by the World School management ensure that our teachers are equipped to bring out the best in every child. We fostered teamwork and collaboration through brainstorming sessions across various departments.



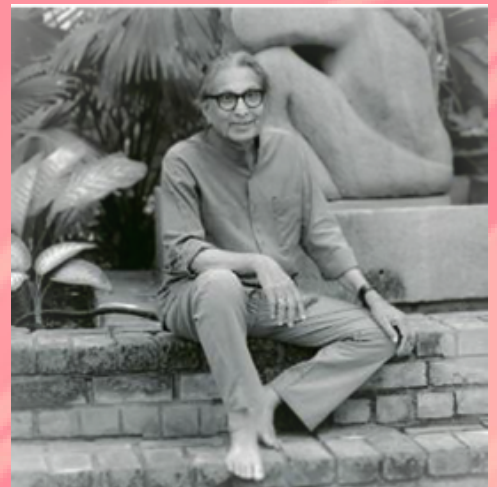
Reviving Bodies and Minds

Diverse roles melted away as our school's unsung heroes – the nannies and drivers – came together to celebrate Yoga Day with vigor. On this special occasion, they embraced the soothing rhythms of yoga, transcending their daily tasks to find balance and wellness. With great enthusiasm and spirits high, our support staff showcased their dedication to holistic well-being, reminding us that unity and harmony stretch far beyond the classroom. This inclusive celebration exemplified the true essence of Yoga Day – fostering health and togetherness for all.



TEACHERS' PRESS

Balkrishna Doshi est mort à 95 ans, le 24 janvier, à Ahmedabad (Gujarat, Inde). Habité jusqu'aux dernières années de sa longue existence par une joie de vivre, de faire et de transmettre, cet architecte indien qu'on reconnaissait à son casque de cheveux argentés et ses grosses lunettes laisse derrière lui une centaine de bâtiments, construits, pour la plupart, à Ahmedabad, où il avait ouvert son agence en 1956, et dans ses environs.



L'héritage qu'il laisse passe aussi par l'école d'architecture qu'il a créée, toujours à Ahmedabad, en 1968, où l'art de construire s'enseignait conjointement avec les sciences sociales et les arts. C'était, pensait-il, la meilleure manière d'aider les futurs architectes à inventer les formes d'une identité nationale en construction.

Elle joua beaucoup dans la reconnaissance de son œuvre en Europe, qui se concrétisa l'année suivante par une exposition rétrospective au Vitra Design Museum, à Weil Am Rein, en Allemagne. Aux États-Unis, où il a beaucoup enseigné (au MIT, à Cambridge ; à l'université Rice, à Houston ; à l'université de Pennsylvanie, à Philadelphie), son œuvre était déjà plus connue.

-Ms Tanushree Chatterjee

★ New Educators on Board ★

Ms Neeti Sharma is the Head of the Humanities Department, holding Masters degrees in Commerce and Business Administration. She is also an IB and Cambridge Examiner, as well as a trained facilitator for Business Management. Ms. Neeti firmly believes that 'No significant learning begins without a significant relationship.



Ms Anshu Khanna is a postgraduate in English and brings with her over two decades of experience in the education sector. She has joined as a facilitator for IGCSE and IBDP programs. Committed to promoting a culture of excellence and innovation, Ms. Khanna sees herself as a true 'Panglossian,' adept at transforming pessimism into optimism.

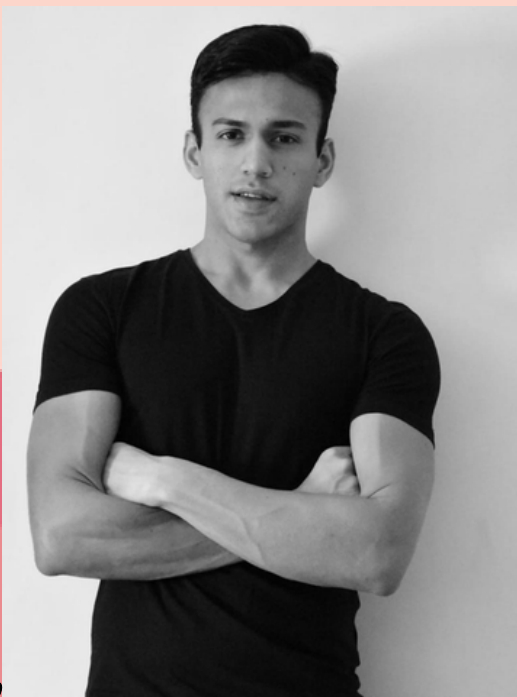
Ms Preeti Singh has joined the school as the Senior Librarian and is currently pursuing an M.Phil in Library Science. She believes that librarianship is grounded in a love for humanity, recognizing the significance of granting access to information and knowledge to all members of society, regardless of their background or socio-economic status.



Ms Akashita Nikki Pravin is a multi-instrumentalist and singer hailing from Mumbai. She holds a Master of Music from Berklee College of Music at Boston Conservatory, where she received a Partial Scholarship. She will be teaching across various segments.



She often shares this reflective thought with her students: 'Why is the sky the limit when all the stars are far beyond?'



Mr. Raul Brady is a new addition to our school, serving as the Head of Department (COD) for Performing Arts. He teaches drama across various segments. Raul holds a Post Graduate degree in Mass Communication.

In his perspective, the art of drama empowers young hearts and minds, enabling them to embrace their creativity, find their voices, and discover the world both within and around them. The stage becomes a canvas where dreams take flight, and students learn the values of empathy, courage, and self-expression.

Together, we will create a symphony of stories that will resonate in their hearts for a lifetime.

THE ARTISTS' GALLERY

-Hanika, 3A



-Tanishaq Panwar, 4A



-Ayushmaan, 5B



-Jenica, 2



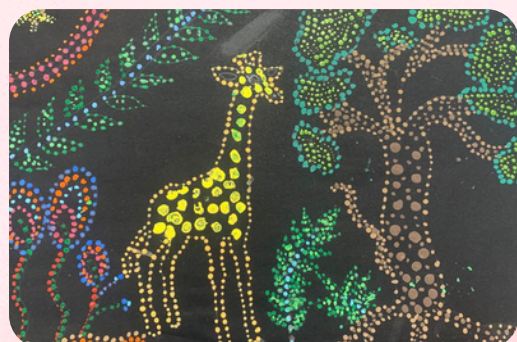
-Advay Tiwari, 4B



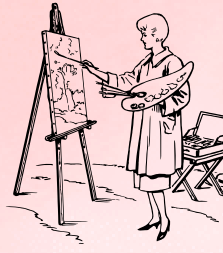
-Abhimanyu, 5A



-Niyant, 4B



-Amayra, 4B



It was a chilly Halloween evening on an ordinary lane. Houses were adorned with cobwebs, Halloween decorations, and pumpkin jack-o'-lanterns that illuminated doorsteps. Strolling down this lane was a boy named Alex. Tall and well-built, he had inquisitive brown eyes that scanned his surroundings. He was en route to gather more sweets for trick-or-treaters.

Unexpectedly, lost in thought, he found himself standing amidst a dense forest of decaying old pine trees. Their long, rotting branches extended overhead as if ready to seize him. The forest floor was cloaked in thick mist, causing Alex to shiver. The atmosphere was as eerie as a graveyard. A rustling sound reached his ears from somewhere behind, but there was nothing there. A raven's caw startled Alex, causing him to freeze. He was certain that someone or something was approaching him. A dark shadow appeared, but upon closer inspection, it vanished – or did it?



Abruptly, a black creature materialized from the shadows, seeming to glide out of nowhere. Cloaked in a floaty black garment, two withered hands poked from beneath it, and enormous bulbous eyes fixed their gaze on him. In a deep, rasping voice, it spoke, 'I am the Shadow. You have trespassed on my domain and must pay the price. A tasty snack you would make, I believe.' Alex bolted, and the Shadow pursued, emitting maniacal laughter. His worst nightmare had become reality. And who could say whether he would survive the encounter...



-Mehar Jain, 6B



STUDENTS' VOICES



A valuable thing of mine

The most valuable object I know happens to be a picture frame. There's something inside that adds to its value. It's a white piece of plastic, aged by years, covered with a once-vibrant Prussian blue border that has now dulled. Crooked, chipped yellow corner coverings give it a final touch. The frame itself isn't clear; memories paint it with stains, scratches, and more. Yet, my eyes ignore the imperfections.

The bold black font covers about an inch at the bottom, almost blending with the image above. In the picture, a joyful, black-haired man holds his daughter. A blue balloon accompanies them, shining amidst the dimly lit street of greenery. A smile radiates from all three faces, and a tear drips from mine.



COMING UP EVENTS

- IT Week
- Scienamite 2023
- Independence Day Celebrations
- Recognition Day
- PYP Coffee Morning
- IBDP endeavors

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