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AN EXPRESSION OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF YOUNG GOENKANS



Musings...

By Mrs Sonali Sinha
Principal of G.D. Goenka World School

Dear Parents and students,

I would like to share a message of inspiration with you and your children this month. To realize how much we can do to make our communities better, even with the smallest of efforts, is the key.

Please encourage your children to make small progress towards their goals. Remind them that even the tiniest actions, such as volunteering their time, offering assistance, or working on a cause that inspires them, may have a significant impact.

It's important to understand that seemingly trivial actions can have far-reaching effects that are difficult for us to fathom fully.

By using these straightforward strategies, your children may improve their future and that of everyone they interact with.

Let's work together to promote this attitude of community engagement, and then watch as our combined efforts improve the world for the better.



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Independence Day Celebration

Honouring 77 Years of Freedom



A spectacular tribute unfolded at GD Goenka World School as our students came together to celebrate India's 77th Independence Day. The event radiated with patriotism, skill, and teamwork, encapsulating the essence of this pivotal day in our nation's history.

On the exhilarating occasion of Independence Day, the boarders came together for a spectacular celebration. The festivities began with the hoisting of the national flag, setting the stage for a mesmerizing array of performances that followed. From a plethora of captivating acts to heartfelt speeches, the day's celebration was a true testament to the unity and pride that defined our nation's spirit.



SCIENAMITE 2023

GDGWS Science department hosted the much-awaited event, an Inter-School Science Competition - SCIENAMITE 2023 on 12th August. The competition witnessed an assemblage of young talent from schools across Delhi NCR wherein they showcased their creativity, critical thinking skills and innovative ideas. The school principal, Mrs. Sonali Sinha inaugurated the event and stressed upon the idea of promoting young minds who are inclined towards Science. She also encouraged the participating teams to think out of the box to find solutions to the existing problems.

The event commenced with a lamp-lighting ceremony, invoking the blessings of the almighty. It was followed by the euphonic rendition of a song by IBDP students and a rhythmic dance performance by the students of CLS which enthralled the audience.

The competition comprised of research paper presentation by students of grades 11 and 12, a quiz competition by grades 9 and 10, model making competition by grades 7 and 8 and model making, poem composition & and recitation by the students of grade 6. The event was judged by experts from reputed organisations.

The event concluded with the valedictory ceremony. The winners were felicitated by the principal, Mrs. Sonali Sinha and DHM, Dr. Manisha Mehta. The chair of the department, Ms. Sonia Kochhar delivered the vote of thanks. The event was a great success and indeed a collaborative learning for all.

Our gratitude to all participants and Congratulations to all WINNERS!



RECOGNITION DAY 2023

Commending the exceptional accomplishments of our students at the 2023 Recognition Day of GD Goenka World School, the event recognized brilliance in both academic and co-curricular domains. It was an honour to have Air Marshal Gurucharan Singh Bedi, Principal Mrs. Sonali Sinha, and Program Heads join us in felicitating students from CLS, IGCSE, AS/A Levels, and the IB Diploma Program. Prestigious awards, including the Chairman's Award for Nikita Marwah, along with certificates of excellence and distinction, celebrated their outstanding achievements.

Principal Ms. Sonali Sinha, an education luminary, shared profound insights, reminding us that education encompasses character, compassion, and values. The event resonated with enthralling music by the school's band and a mesmerizing fusion dance performance, adding an artistic flair.

Air Marshal Bedi's motivational address left an indelible mark, inspiring all to strive for excellence and embrace a bright future. His call to understand fundamental duties resonated deeply. The program concluded with gratitude expressed by Deputy Head of School & Head- IBDP, Dr. Manisha Mehta, acknowledging parents' partnership in nurturing future leaders.

A joyous celebration culminated with high tea, marking the perfect finale to honor the students' accomplishments.



A PROFESSIONAL MILESTONE

A Remarkable Achievement

Recently, Dr. Manisha Mehta achieved a noteworthy milestone in her professional journey by leading a session at the PAN India IBDP/CP Coordinators Meet. This prestigious event convened approximately 175 esteemed DP and CP coordinators, offering a valuable platform for the exchange of teaching and learning ideas.

Dr. Mehta's participation in this event underscored her expertise and unwavering commitment. Her presentation resonated with educators nationwide, showcasing her profound insights into the realm of IB education. The event exemplified the transformative power of collaboration and knowledge-sharing, aligning seamlessly with the core principles of the IB philosophy.



TEACHERS' CAMBRIDGE & IB TRAINING (May-August 2023)

Learning and upskilling is a culture at GDGWS with the aim to remain updated and collaborative making teaching and learning a meaningful process. The educators from all segments are regularly trained to teach the Cambridge and IB programmes. The following facilitators recently completed their trainings.

- Sahiba Mathur participated in the professional development course:
Cambridge International AS & A Level Global Perspectives & Research (9239)2023-25 syllabus
- Ujjaval Jain completed the online Extension Cambridge IGCSE Spanish (0530) (7160) 2022-2024 Syllabus Course conducted by Cambridge Assessment International Education
- Shivanika Yadav and Pooja Chaudhary completed the workshop Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation (Cat.2) Diploma Programme. The workshops were organized by the IB Online Professional Development
- Dhritishankar Sen completed the workshop English A: Language and Literature (Cat.2) Diploma Programme
- Swati Naithani completed the online Extension Cambridge Lower Secondary English (0861) course conducted by Cambridge Assessment International Education

ACCOLADES GALORE

Celebrating Diplomatic Brilliance

From August 3rd to 5th, 2023, the vibrant world of Model United Nations (MUN) came alive at the MUN at GD Goenka Public School-Vasant Kunj and one delegate truly left her mark – the remarkable Mehakpreet Kaur Khatter! In the heart of global diplomacy simulation, where young minds converge, Mehakpreet Kaur Khatter soared to new heights, representing Ukraine with unparalleled finesse and eloquence in the esteemed General Assembly.

Her journey was nothing short of extraordinary, and her dedication to excellence has earned her a prestigious High Commendation for Diplomatic Excellence!

As a beacon of diplomatic prowess, Mehakpreet's commitment and passion for international affairs shone brightly. As a delegate in the crucial General Assembly committee, she expertly delved into intensive research, meticulously analyzed her country's stance on various global issues, and brilliantly articulated these perspectives in the art of diplomacy.

Her triumph at the MUN stands as a testament to the power of knowledge, dedication, and the unwavering pursuit of excellence. Let's salute Mehakpreet Kaur Khatter for her outstanding achievement and her journey towards shaping a brighter future on the global stage!



Moving Up & Ahead !

Kudos to Eeshaja Swami on her outstanding university placement at Ashoka University! Her dedication, focus, and diligence at GDGWS have truly made her an exemplary Goenkan. Wishing her all the best for her future endeavors!

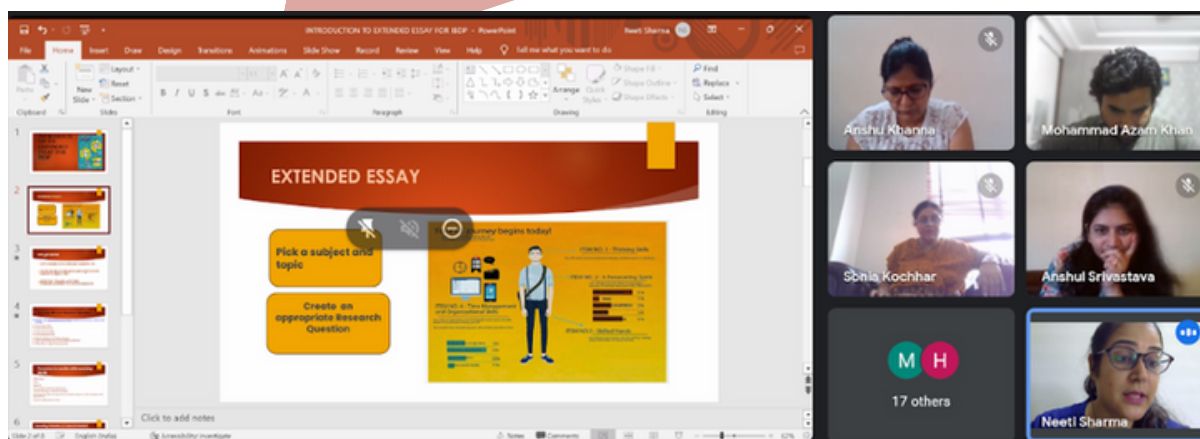


LEAD EDUCATOR PROGRAM

We at GDGWS constantly devise newer ways to enhance our teachers' skill sets. This academic year we have initiated the Lead Educator Program. A lead educator is chosen from the teachers who have demonstrated mastery in their field and is responsible for leading and mentoring other teachers in the school. The lead educator, being a fellow teacher, understands the challenges and needs of their colleagues.

We are sure they will provide valuable mentorship, support, and professional development opportunities, creating a positive and collaborative learning environment. They will especially provide guidance and support to new/inexperienced teachers and experienced teachers who want to unlearn and adapt to the newer ways of teaching and learning.

The first session was held by Ms. Neeti Sharma on Extended essays. It was an introductory session on "How to frame an effective research question for the extended essay?" for IBDP teachers. The focus was on unveiling the introductory process and preliminary guidelines that the supervisors should share with the students in order to support them in creating a research-worthy and appropriate Research question and further help them streamline the research process. It was an interactive session, where the supervisors shared anecdotes and tips on how do they guide there students to generate an impactful question for their extended essay which is worthy of in depth research.



Another Lead Educator Session was conducted making teachers aware of mathematics skills applicable in their respective subjects. Teachers highlighted the topics they wanted cover which included regression, hypothesis testing, statistics analysis and graphs. The session concluded with a discussion and demonstration of the application and usage of Geogebra software.

The above was followed by the successful conclusion of the session on "Decoding Citations and Referencing" conducted as part of the Lead Educators' Initiative by Dr. Saumya Shalu, IBDP Chemistry Facilitator. It was indeed engaging and informative!



Mastering the SAT: Strategies for Success

PSAT/SAT briefing session



GD Goenka World School recently hosted a dynamic and engaging session focused on the PSAT/SAT and the myriad advantages it offers to the students.

The session highlighted the importance of taking PSAT assessments for college preparation. The College Board, which administers the SAT, also conducts these assessments. They provide affordable SAT practice with a similar structure.

The PSAT is a remarkable tool that enables students to identify their talents and strengths. These abilities not only prove useful for excelling in standardized tests such as the SAT but also have practical applications in diverse competitive exams, both domestically and internationally.

During the session, the cutting-edge SAT Digital Exam Pattern for 2023 was revealed to our students. This development underscores the importance of a student's mastery of reading, writing, and mathematics. Proficiency in these areas is essential not only for academic triumph but also for success in endeavors beyond the college environment.

Taking the SAT exams is crucial for students who wish to get into their desired universities. A good score can increase their chances of admission and even open doors to academic scholarships that acknowledge their exceptional skills and talents.

The session proved to be an enlightening experience, empowering our students with insights into their future academic journey.

GDGWS also hold SAT classes after school. Several boarders and day boarders are attending the same.



EPISTAMAI - TOK EXHIBITION



The TOK Exhibition 'Epistamai' held on August 18th, 2023, was a remarkable success and a valuable learning experience for all involved under the able guidance of the three TOK Educators Dr. Manisha Mehta, Ms. Monika Ohri, and Ms. Sonia Kochhar. The physical nature of the event likely added an extra layer of excitement and engagement compared to virtual exhibitions. The fact that it was the first time the exhibition was held physically indicates the importance and novelty of the occasion.

The opening of the exhibition by the Principal Mrs. Sonali Sinha, who highlighted the skills learned through TOK (Theory of Knowledge), set a thoughtful and inspiring tone for the event. The musical performance that followed added an artistic and cultural element to the event, providing a well-rounded experience for attendees.

For the grade 12 students, the exhibition was an incredible opportunity to showcase their TOK Prompts and associated objects. A well-structured approach was taken, giving each student their own space to explain how their chosen object linked to their prompt. This allowed for in-depth exploration of the connections between the prompts and real-world examples, promoting a deeper understanding of the concepts.

The parents' positive reactions and enthusiasm likely reflected the pride they felt seeing their children confidently presenting their work and demonstrating their knowledge. This was a rewarding moment for both the students and their parents. Additionally, the exhibition provided a valuable learning experience for grade 11 students. Observing the grade 12 students' presentations surely gave them insight into what to expect and how to prepare for their TOK exhibitions in the coming months.

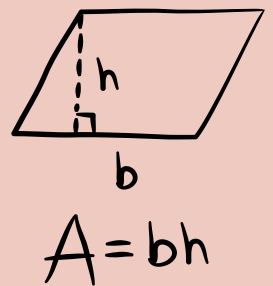
Overall, the 'Epistamai' TOK Exhibition presented by the cohort of 2024 was a well-organized and impactful event that celebrated students' intellectual growth and promoted a deeper understanding of the principles of knowledge and critical thinking.



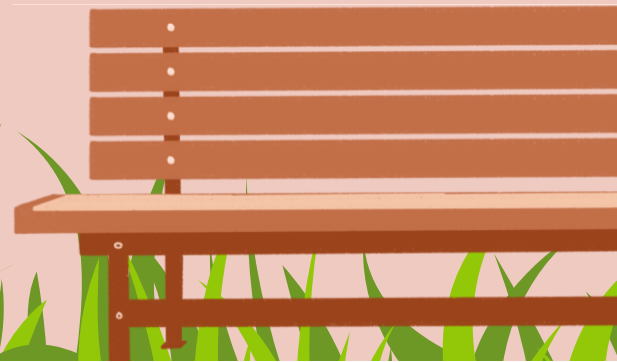
Interactive learning with Maths

The Math department recently held an engaging lesson on probability for Grade 10 students, both extended and international. Under the guidance of Mr. Himanshu Choudhary and Ms. Pooja Chaudhary, the lesson utilized practical exercises in the playground, incorporating natural elements found in the environment.

Before the activity, students were taught foundational probability principles, which were reinforced through hands-on exercises. This interactive approach not only made learning enjoyable, but also promoted critical thinking, problem-solving, and keen observation by connecting abstract ideas with real-life contexts. The success of the lesson was evident in students' deeper comprehension of probability, as well as their enthusiasm and active involvement.



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IT WEEK CELEBRATION

Unveiling the Future



From a heartfelt welcome to an enthralling exploration of Information Technology's dynamic landscape, the IT week was a voyage like no other!

The special assembly kicked off with a warm embrace, beckoning all to dive headfirst into the immersive world of IT. The journey commenced, revealing the mesmerizing evolution of Information Technology across decades.

There was a Tech Talk with a twist- the magnetic aura of Shahrukh Khan gracing the stage, but it was an AI-generated audio! The ingenious display of AI's prowess, seamlessly performing multi-faceted tasks, left the audience awestruck. The fusion of human charm and AI marvel was a showstopper!

"Artificial Intelligence: Boon or Bane?"--The chosen theme ignited a storm of curiosity, propelling minds to ponder upon the profound impact of AI on our society. Reflections flowed as we delved into the depths of AI's potential – a catalyst for innovation or a force to be reckoned with?

The assembly was a mesmerizing odyssey, tracing the journey of IT evolution intertwined with the growing role of AI within its fabric. It propelled us to reflect on, not only its potential but also the ethical tapestry it weaves in our ever-changing world.

IT Quiz



PARTICIPATION & CELEBRATION

Harry Potter in Action



The Harry Potter Character Revival Contest was a whirlwind of enchantment and creativity! Young wizards and witches delved into the captivating universe of Harry Potter, showcasing their imaginative flair. This event was a magical blend of innovation and literary appreciation, sparking joy and igniting imagination.

From crafting bewitching bookmarks to conjuring spellbinding book covers, the students of Grade 6 commemorated Harry Potter's birthday with library activities that stirred excitement. The competition not only unveiled talent but also nurtured public speaking and creative skills, letting students shine like true stars.

The journey was unforgettable, full of literary wonders and captivating moments.

Spell Bee 2023

The members of the CLS Student Council of GDGWS arranged a thrilling inter-house Spelling Bee Competition. Each house was allowed to bring in 4-5 participants. The competition consisted of multiple rounds, ranging from easy to wizard. The co-operation and enthusiasm could be seen within the participants, which only added to the success of this event. The Cedrus House bagged the 1st position, followed by Cycas. The 3rd position was taken by both Nyssa and Sorbus.



Boarding Chronicles



Crafting memories and moulding art together!

Our talented boarding students got their hands dirty at our pottery workshop, shaping beautiful masterpieces with passion and creativity



Embarking on a Journey into Electronics!

The boarders were treated to an enlightening hands-on Electronic workshop. A world of insights regarding the pivotal role of mathematics and science in the realm of robotics unfolded, providing them with a clearer understanding of artificial intelligence. The opportunity to work hands-on with wires proved to be an enthralling and novel experience for all participants. The journey continued with an exclusive tour of the Robotics Lab, offering a first-hand glimpse of various robots in action. The shared excitement was palpable, creating a truly enjoyable and memorable time for everyone involved



Trip to the National Museum, New Delhi!

What an incredible adventure it was! Reminiscing about the unforgettable trip that took our bright boarders on a captivating voyage to the National Museum, New Delhi!

Enhancing Fine Dining Etiquette

Our boarders recently attended a dining etiquette workshop led by Prof. Bhavin Parekh from Le Cordon Bleu at GD Goenka Education City, Gurgaon. Prof. Parekh adeptly conveyed the essentials of proper fine dining etiquette. The students expressed their appreciation for the valuable insights gained during the session, recognizing its potential to significantly enhance their future dining experiences.



THE ARTISTS' GALLERY

-Nehmat Grade 10



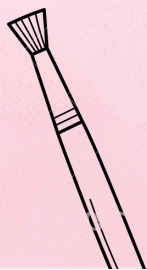
-Pritesh Grade 12



-Aanya Grade 12



-Nehmat Grade 10





STUDENTS' VOICES



His Favourite Colour

- Yashika Yadav(Grade 10 IGCSE)

There was someone, silly and kind. His deep, captivating eyes held the entire cosmos; the azure-green shades of the mountain lakes, colours capable of narrating stories about the sky and the towering evergreen giants. His gentle hands radiated a comforting warmth. Those were hands that possessed the knowledge of both grasping firmly and yet simultaneously setting you free. His infectious smile illuminated the entire environment; it was the sunshine and the birdsong and both the cage and ever-open door. Beyond everything, he was a guiding light in the darkness, much like the moon.

As night descended, the veil of day lifted to divulge the stars, symbolizing the promise of life amid the obscurity, a sense of warmth emerging from the cold. He always believed this was closer to the essence of our true selves.

Once, he inquired, "What's your favourite colour?" I swayed gently on the swings, offering him a fleeting smile. Amidst the presence of the trees, eternally satisfied by the harmonious melodies of the grasses, the bench continued its reveries throughout every passing season. We sat among the trees, whose roots delved profoundly and whose branches soared to great heights, absorbing the nourishing rain and bestowing the blessings of verdant foliage upon brown wands. As daylight gradually dimmed into darkness, the vivid hues of the grass and leaves persisted in my thoughts; it expressed a piece akin to an enduring fragrance.

The park became ever more silvery between the shadows that stretched out as if yawning. "White," I replied, "It exudes peace and tranquillity. And yours?"

He rose from his seat and extended his tender palm toward me. Tardily, I placed my hand in his, and together, we strolled through the cool breeze, surrounded by swaying trees. Our hands fitted like perfect puzzles. The pathway beneath our feet seemed to beckon our footsteps as if it longed for us to journey upon it and unravel its enigma. It was as if we were the sole beings in existence, embraced by its tranquil solitude.

"Red," he whispered eventually. I inquired, "Why?"

"Because red symbolises life, energy, and action," he paused, gazing deeply into my eyes, "Above all, it signifies love." I stood there, pondering his words, until I felt a tap on my shoulder.

Reluctantly, I looked up, only to find his sparkling eyes locked onto mine, holding a crimson rose in his hands. I wondered where he had found it, but my thoughts dissipated as I accepted the flower, grinning like a child. As I cradled the bloom, I noticed the broad smile on his face, mirroring my own.

However, everything changed when a deafening honk drowned out his laughter. The comforting warmth of his hand slipped away, and his dreamy eyes disappeared from my view. That's when I saw the colour, his beloved colour...

The hue of blood.

Bullying: All Bad and No Good

-Vedant Pandey (Grade 7A)

What is bullying?

Bullying is a form of harassment which usually consists of teasing or attacking, either physically, verbally, or both. Bullying commonly occurs at schools or workplaces but can happen to anyone, anywhere. Bullying is a serious issue which can greatly impact a person's mental and physical health, sometimes leading to life-threatening situations. This article will explain the effects of bullying and what you can do to prevent it.

How is bullying a problem in schools?

Being bullied has a tremendous impact on self-esteem, which could cause students to not be able to focus, be deep in thought doubt themselves, or even give up trying in academics completely due to a lack of faith in themselves. It is apparent how this can be detrimental to a child's education and future.

How can bullying impact people?

Bullying can cause an extreme deprivation of self-esteem, as mentioned before, and can also take lives. Some people might be angered to the point of mental derangement. Previously, this has resulted in school shootings, oftentimes in which many innocent students and teachers lost their lives, and the shooter sometimes kills themselves too. Other times, bullying can lead to spiralling depression and can cause people to be suicidal, feeling as if they have no reason to live. Data has shown that bullying is one of the highest causes of suicide in high schoolers. This is a serious problem in today's world.

How can you help stop bullying?

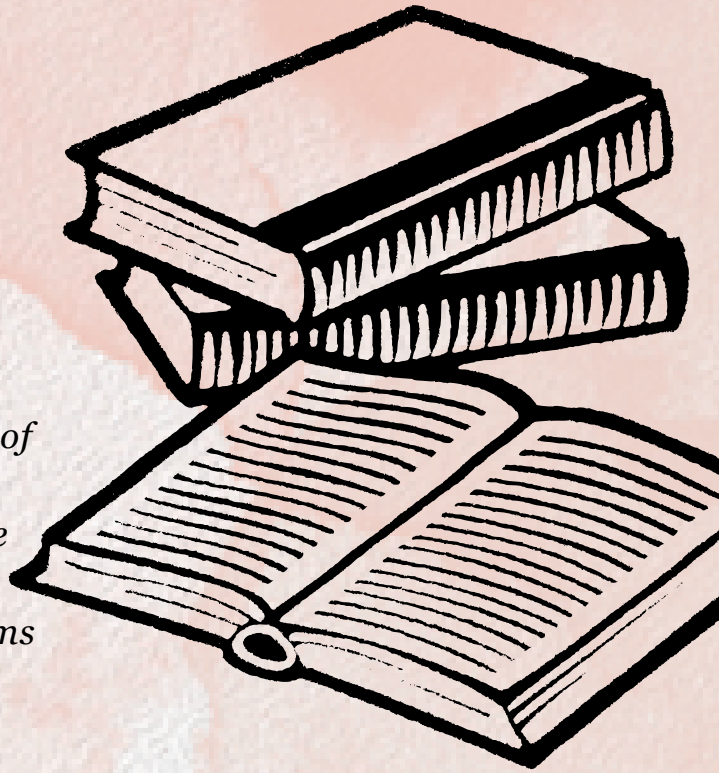
Though it is true that one person alone cannot do much, a lot can happen when everyone does their part. You can spread awareness to others about bullying and its effects. You can help a friend who's being bullied or talk to your friends or a trusted adult if you're being bullied yourself. If you can find the time, you could even participate in anti-bullying campaigns or events. There are many other things like these which you can do to do your part.

In conclusion, bullying is a serious issue all across the world. It can cause school shootings, lack of self-esteem, academic failure, depression, and suicide. You can help stop bullying by helping a friend or talking to someone you trust if you're being bullied, or spreading awareness, maybe even taking part in a social event or gathering about anti-bullying. If we all work together, we can end bullying and make the world a better place.

Last tear

*The day it started, those eyes held rage.
The screams rang through our ears, yet we
chose to ignore them.
That desperate cry that has faded is yet to be
heard, lost somewhere deep in our memories.
A few weeks ago, those eyes held gloom.
The gloom that overshadowed every smile on
the face, yet we could not see it.
The screams then could only build up,
desperate to escape as they thumped the bars of
their cage.
Today, the eyes are lifeless, numbed by all the
pain they fought through.
The unspoken words and those resisted screams
have finally escaped, through the last tear.*

- Arshiya (Grade 9)



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Teachers' Day Celebrations
- Triangular Conference
- Students' Accolades
- Seminars and Workshops
- Language Week
- Hindi Diwas
- Student Council Election
- Interact Club Endeavours
- Grandparents' Day
- Janmashtami Celebration

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