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Musings...

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

Dear Parents, Students, and Teachers,

As we embrace the joys of spring and embark on the new session, I commend our community for its resilience and dedication. April has brought us numerous opportunities for academic growth, extracurricular achievements, and international collaboration. We've celebrated our successes, supported one another, and remained focused on our shared goal of excellence in education. Amidst ongoing board exams, our approach is to tackle challenges with determination and confidence, knowing that hard work pays off, truly embodying our commitment to learning and growth.

I'm delighted to share the success of the PYP Coffee Morning with parents, which fostered a warm atmosphere of connection and sharing. Additionally, meeting with new students has been enriching as we welcomed them into our vibrant community.

Our successful immersion programme continues to promote cultural understanding and personal growth, while our initiatives for World Earth Day and Labour Day underscore our commitment to sustainability, environmental awareness, and communal harmony. Lastly, our ongoing Bhutan immersion programme not only provides students with invaluable experiences and insights but also fosters a deep appreciation for cultural diversity and environmental stewardship, shaping them into well-rounded global citizens.

Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm. Here's to a fulfilling and productive month ahead!



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ORIENTATION 2024

G.D.Goenka World School organised its Orientation Day 2024 expertly led by the dynamic school community. The school gave a hearty welcome to the new students and parents.









Excitement filled the air as students returned for the new session! The Welcome Assembly set an inspiring tone, while Nursery to grade 2 students commenced their day with Zooming Fun: a vibrant balloon painting activity, fostering new friendships with splashes of color. Additionally, a delightful photo booth captured memorable moments. As part of the commitment to reading, Goenkans embraced the "Reading More Pledge" and received beautiful bookmarks. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!







ICE BREAKING SESSION

at Boarding



Breaking the Ice: Welcoming New Members to the GD Goenka Family!

With open arms and warm smiles, the school recently welcomed the newest members to the boarding. The air was filled with excitement and anticipation as the newcomers immersed themselves in an ice-breaking session.

It featured games like musical chairs and musical statues. The highlight was a thrilling campus treasure hunt, with teams eagerly searching for hidden treasures armed with maps. Laughter filled the campus as students formed new friendships and strengthened the bonds of the Goenkan family.





From initial nerves to pure joy, each interaction sparked excitement for the adventures ahead. As the sun dipped below the horizon, hearts were full of promise for new beginnings. Welcome to the fold, dear newcomers! Our Goenkan family is all about creating memories and forging lasting bonds. Can't wait to share this journey with you!

NEW STUDENTS' INTERACTION

with the Principal





Building Strong Student-Principal Connections for Academic Success at GDGWS!

Establishing strong connections between students and the Head of the institution is paramount for academic and social growth. During this engaging session led by Mrs. Sonali Sinha, school Principal, new students were welcomed warmly and put at ease, facilitating their smooth transition into our school community. Research underscores the importance of positive relationships between students and mentors, which significantly contribute to academic success. At GDGWS, we're committed to fostering a supportive and relational atmosphere where every student can thrive!





BRIDGE COURSE IBDP







Bridging Minds: A Transformative Journey at GDGWS

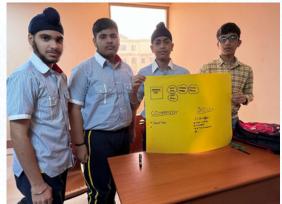
GDGWS embarked on a transformative journey with a comprehensive 3-day bridge course. Led by our dedicated team of IB educators, students delved into a myriad of engaging activities designed to elevate their academic prowess and holistic development. From ice-breaking sessions to reflective group activities on global issues, and TOK discussions to career advisory courses, each day was filled with enriching experiences. We emphasized academic integrity, explored curriculum branches, and honed critical skills like time and scientific management experimentation basics. The students embraced the IB learner profiles and IT activities, building delved into effective algorithms and exploring lab essentials. As the bridge course concluded, we stand proud, knowing our students are well-equipped for their IBDP journey!

IMMERSION PROGRAM - IGCSE

The Cambridge Immersion Programme at GDGWS was a comprehensive initiative aimed to ease students into the IGCSE curriculum and prepare them for success. Starting with an orientation by Ms. Asha Yadav, the Head of Programme, setting a solid foundation by outlining the necessary policies and procedures.

Including subject experts to provide insights into the depth of each subject and the potential career paths associated with them was particularly valuable. Addressing specific concerns such as the distinction between Cambridge International Math and Mathematics without coursework, as well as the choice between Computer Sciences and ICT, helped students make informed decisions about their academic paths.





Introducing students to extracurricular activities like the IAYP (International Award for Young People) and Interact Clubs were commendable. These activities not only contribute to their holistic development but also play a vital role in shaping their personalities and fostering essential life skills beyond the academic realm.

Overall, the Cambridge Immersion Programme appeared to be a wellrounded approach to preparing students for the challenges and opportunities of the IGCSE curriculum, both academically and personally.



IMMERSION PROGRAM - CLS





Empowering Tomorrow's Global Leaders: Recap of The Cambridge Immersion Program

The recently conducted Cambridge Immersion Program under the CLS segment was a resounding success! Our students embarked on a transformative journey of accelerated language proficiency, cultural immersion, and enhanced academic preparation, reaffirming our belief in the transformative power of education. Additionally, Grade 6 students received an introduction to the 'Thinking and Working Scientifically' strand, aimed at developing observation, classification, communication, and inference skills. Stay tuned for updates as we continue this incredible journey together!





UNIVERSITY FAIR

University Fair for IBDP Students - A resounding success!

On April 16th, 2024, the School's Career Counseling Cell organized an Undergrad Outreach Tour of 15 American Universities for our IBDP students. This event provided them with the opportunity to meet delegates from various renowned universities across the USA.

It was a chance for students to engage one-on-one with the university representatives, delving into discussions about diverse programs, the application process, life as an international student, financial aid, and scholarships.

The event offered our students invaluable insights and guidance as they envisioned their future goals and aspirations. A huge thank you to all participating universities for making this event a memorable and meaningful experience for our students.







Farth Day









Celebrating Earth Day with Purpose!

The Goenkans celebrated Earth Day, wherein the CLS students grades 6-8 students embarked on an educational journey exploring renewable energy, waste management, and rainwater harvesting, aligning with this year's theme, "Planet versus Plastic." Their dedication to environmental awareness and action is truly commendable.

Notably, the IBDP students organized an assembly that not only raised awareness but also sparked meaningful conversations and initiatives within our school community. The performance by the school choir, singing 'Love Song to the Earth' by Paul McCartney, was truly inspirational.

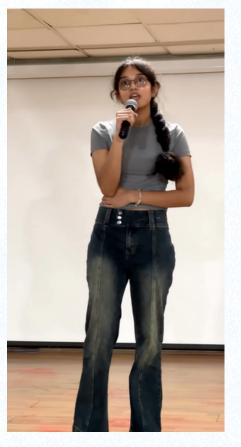
Kudos to these future leaders for their commitment to preserving our planet! At GDGWS, we firmly believe that educating students about sustainability shapes responsible global citizens. Let's continue taking meaningful actions to protect and preserve our planet.

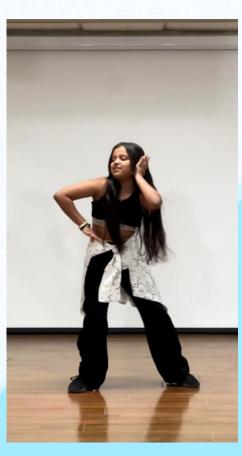
INTERHOUSE

Celebrating Brilliance: Highlights from Our Inter-House Talent Hunt!

The Inter-House Talent Hunt showcased the remarkable talents of over 70 students from grades 6 to 12 on April 25, 2024. From dazzling dances to melodious singing, impressive instrumental performances, and compelling monologues, each act epitomized passion and skill. It was inspiring to witness the students embrace the stage with enthusiasm, leaving the audience in awe. Their dedication and hard work shone brightly throughout the event, illuminating our school with their brilliance.







BHUTAN IMMERSION PROGRAM





Bridging Borders: GDGWS Hosts Educators from Bhutan for Immersion Programme

At GDGWS, we're dedicated to creating a dynamic global educational environment. It was an honor to host a distinguished delegation of educators from Bhutan for an immersion program from April 16th to 19th, 2024. During their visit, the educators engaged with our senior management team, gaining insights into our operations and observing classes across all segments. They actively participated in planning meetings, assessments, and shadow teaching experiences, immersing themselves in our best practices. Our students had meaningful cultural exchanges with the delegates, showcasing our school's excellence. The delegates left impressed, recognizing our commitment to academic excellence, holistic development, leadership, innovation, and a supportive environment. We gained valuable insight into Bhutan's culture, heritage, and community connections, including their Learning Fairs.





SESSION ON

Newsletter

Exploring Global Legal Dynamics GDGWS!

Our Grade 11 students recently had the honor of learning from Prof. (Dr) David Ambrose, an esteemed academician with over 22 years of teaching experience! Formerly the Head of Legal Studies at the University of Madras, Prof. Ambrose specializes in International Law, Constitutional Law, and more.

With a Doctorate in Law and extensive research experience, he shared valuable insights on global issues such geopolitics, globalization, trade, and and their connection terrorism. international law.

The session not only broadened students' understanding of legal frameworks but also encouraged critical thinking about role of addressing the law in contemporary global challenges.







ENGLISH WEEK

The recent English Week, based on the theme "Golden Elizabethan Era" conducted across the middle and senior school was a whirlwind of literary excitement and intellectual engagement.

From the gripping Shakespeare plays and literary quiz to the hilarious dumb charades, IGCSE and IBDP students showcased their linguistic prowess and creativity. The debate competition on censorship of literature sparked insightful discourse, while the TED Talk Competition inspired thought-provoking ideas. The comic strip making session by Grade 11 students was a testament to the power of visual storytelling and imagination. Each activity not only honed language skills but also fostered teamwork and critical thinking.

Whereas middle school students of CLS showcased their acting talent on stage where they staged the play by Shakespeare "Taming the Shrew". Their enthusiasm was further visible in the presentation of the monologues with a twist. Students dressed as Tom Sawyer and Rapunzel had a different tale to tell. Students of grade 7 participated in an inter-house Spell Bee competition, displaying their spelling ability.

















Embracing Sustainability: CLS Inaugural Fairtrade Campaign



Fashion Revolution Week in April spotlights Fairtrade's advocacy for a fair, safe, and transparent fashion industry. The Goenkans organised a Fashion Awareness Assembly, and our dedicated teachers led a mending workshop to underscore the importance of recycling clothes. Join our CLS students in their commitment to promoting the use of cotton and organic garments for a sustainable future. Let's advocate together for a fair, safe, and accountable fashion industry!

Making a Difference!

The first-ever Fairtrade campaign was launchedduring Fashion Revolution Week! The initiative is in line with the global movement that empowers farmers and workers in our food and fashion industries, aiming to distribute trade benefits equitably. Fairtrade collaborates with 1.7 million farmers and workers across 1,707 producer organizations in 30+ countries.







CLS IN ACTION

Expoloriana Excursion Series

In continuation to the Exploriana Educational Excursion Series, the students of CLS (grades 6-8) visited the Museum of Illusions, located in New Delhi. The trip offered invaluable experiences which broadened students' horizons and enhanced their learning of angles, distance and space in unique ways. The fun filled day also brought forth bonding and interesting dialogues happening.













GG STUDENTS' VOICES 99

CREATIVE CANVAS



PRAKHAR NAITHANI GRADE 7A- CLS



Ekambir Singh Grade 11- IBDP





THE PROMISING GOENKAN!

Celebrating Student Success: Arshiaa Chodhary Shines at Delhi Horse Show 2024!

Arshiaa Chodhary of grade 8 exhibited a remarkable performance at the prestigious Delhi Horse Show 2024. Her unwavering commitment and expertise led to her winning two medals: Bronze in spur jumping (80cm) and Bronze in spur jumping (Fault & out), instilling us with immense pride. Warmest congratulations to Arshiaa for this exceptional accomplishment!



Coming Up:

- Inter-house Photography Contest
- IGCSE Result for March 2024
- Assembly on Academic Integrity
- PYP Investiture Ceremony "No Limits, Only Possibilities"

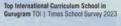


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