

NEWSLETTER

PARIPREKSH...

Changing focus & perspective—An Endeavour



Principal’s Message

Dear Readers!

Success can only be achieved with hard work. There is no trick, no easy way.



We are thrilled to present yet another volume of our school newsletter, marking a fresh chapter brimming with new opportunities for learning, growth and community building. At GD Goenka Public School, Ghaziabad, we remain committed to excellence, guided by our fundamental values of hard work, patience and self-discipline, which continue to shape our path throughout the academic year.

As an institution, we are fully aware of the responsibility and trust our parent and student community places in us. At GD Goenka Public School, we aim to foster a stimulating and inclusive learning environment, where curiosity is valued over fixed routine. Our mission is to empower students to become responsible global citizens, equipping them with the skills and knowledge to seize opportunities and unlock their potential for a brighter future.

This newsletter stands as a reflection of the diverse activities and achievements within our school, offering a platform that not only highlights our accomplishments but also nurtures creativity, particularly in writing, among both students and teachers. I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the Editorial Team for their unwavering commitment and hard work in bringing this edition to life.

This newsletter will serve as a source of inspiration and motivation for everyone who reads it, further reinforcing our shared goal of growth and excellence.

Dr Neha Sharma
Principal
G D Goenka Public School, Ghaziabad

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EVENTS



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Patriotism is not just a feeling; it is the soul of our nation, carried forward by each generation with pride and honour.

GD Goenka Public School, Ghaziabad, celebrated Independence Day on **15th August 2024** with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour. The event was marked by various activities that involved the active participation of students from different classes. The program commenced with the hoisting of the national flag by the School Chairman, **Shri N.P. Goel**, alongside the Director, **Mr. Sanjay Goel**, Associate Director, **Mr. Avi Goel** and the School Principal, **Dr. Neha Sharma** in the school playground. This solemn occasion filled the atmosphere with pride and respect for the nation. Following the flag hoisting, a plantation drive was organized, symbolizing the school's commitment to a greener environment. This initiative aimed at fostering environmental awareness among the students and staff. Students from **Grades IX to XII** participated in an Inter-House song competition. The theme of the competition was '**Patriotic Fervour**'. The students sang various patriotic songs, infusing the atmosphere with a sense of pride and unity. Their melodious renditions were a tribute to the nation and its glorious history. The celebration continued with an Inter-House Dance competition for the students of **Grades VI to VIII**, also centred around the same theme of patriotism. Students showcased their love for the country through vibrant and energetic dance performances. Each house put forth a commendable effort, making the competition a memorable one. Sweets were distributed to all the students to celebrate the occasion. It blended patriotic zeal and environmental consciousness, reflecting the school's dedication to nurturing responsible and aware citizens.



EVENTS

Goenkan Grandeur 2024 Version XIV

Talent is a flame that can never be extinguished; it only grows brighter with encouragement and sharing.

G D Goenka Public School, Ghaziabad organized the two-day extravaganza, **Goenkan Grandeur 2024**, from **30th August to 31st August 2024**. The event witnessed participation from **31** schools across **Delhi NCR**, with more than **700** enthusiastic students showcasing their exceptional talents. This year's festival is aimed at nurturing creativity, camaraderie and holistic growth, fostering the theme '**UBUNTU - I AM BECAUSE WE ARE,**' reflecting the importance of a universal bond of sharing that connects all humanity. It was a vibrant amalgamation of artistic expression, cultural diversity and intellectual prowess. The festival encompassed an array of captivating events, each designed to inspire and celebrate the students' multifaceted talents through the following events witnessed on Day 1 namely, Regalia- *The Brigade of Superheroes*, Manifestations-*Show and Tell*, Science Magic Science Experiment: *Exploration of scientific wonders*, Origami- *The Paper Magic*, Sangam Group Folk Dance- *Nrityanjali - The Kathak Trio*, Manikin-*The Puppet Making*, Brush Kala, Ad Mad Jingle, Goonj- *The Street Play*, Life on Canvas. The program was inaugurated with a ceremonial lamp lighting followed by an enchanting invocation dance. Esteemed judges were acknowledged by the school's Assistant Director **Mr. Avi Goel** and the School Principal **Dr. Neha Sharma** with a token of gratitude for their invaluable contribution. The dedication to nurturing youth talents for a brighter future continued with a triumphant on Day 2, celebrating artistry and expression. The School's arena was transformed into a vibrant hub of talent with events like Kavyanjali—*Doha recitation*, Swar Ganga—*group song competition*, Gazette—*The Newsletter Design* and Kathashala—*The Storytelling*. The day showcased the school's dedication to nurturing diverse artistic talents. The event culminated on 31st August 2024, with a motivating speech by the Principal and distribution of trophies, certificates and awards and a closing vote of thanks by the Head Boy. G D Goenka Public School, Ghaziabad has once again demonstrated its dedication to nurturing the talents of the youth and creating better individuals for a brighter future.



ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOLADES

Strategic Leadership for Schools in a Changing Environment Programme

GD Goenka Public School, Ghaziabad feels proud to announce that its Principal, **Dr. Neha Sharma** has completed the 5-day 'Strategic Leadership for Schools in a Changing Environment' program at the **Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA)**. This programme has been a significant milestone in her professional growth, offering her invaluable insights into effective school leadership. *'I am more committed than ever to leveraging what I have learned to create positive change in my school community.'*—are the words of **Dr. Sharma** on her latest achievement.



Inter-School MUN Colloquium



Our school's **MUN** team achieved another victory, winning the **Best School Delegation Trophy** at the **Inter-School MUN Colloquium** held by Gurukul—The School on **16th and 17th August, 2024**. **Vaishnavi Jain (XI)** and **Shambhavi Kotwal (IX)** were recognized with High Commendation and Honourable Mention awards, respectively, with **Vaishnavi** also winning a cash prize. Other participants in the team were—**Aarna Saxena, Abhiraj Singh, Aditya Aggarwal, Divyansh Singh Rajput** and **Unnati Singh**.

Inter-School Yoga Competition

Students of **GD Goenka Public School, Ghaziabad** participated in the **Inter-School Yoga Competition** which was held at **Adharsheela Global School Vasundhara** on **25th August 2024**. The school won several medals and trophies. **Ankita Jha, Dhvani Singh, Ayansh Singh, Suhan Gupta, Viraj Tyagi, Aditya Mishra** and **Saavi Kulshrestha** won **Gold Medals**. **Jeevika Goyal, Vandit Saini, Hargun Saigal, Alisha Singh, Ivaan Mathew, Parth Chaudhary** and **Vaidehi Tpirathi** won the **Silver Medals**. **Aarna Tyagi, Advik Singh, Rudr Sharma, Shikhar P. Singh, Asmi Baliyan, Dev Vashishth** and **Suhan Gupta** received **Bronze Medals**. The school also secured **2nd position (runner-up)** in the competition. **Ms. Poonam Choudhary** received the trophy for the best coach.



ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOLADES

A Tribute to Excellence in Teaching



We are proud to share the recent accolades received by our esteemed educators, honouring their extraordinary contributions and dedication in the field of education. On **4th September 2024**, two of our dedicated teachers, **Ms. Vibha Sharma** and **Mr. Manish Ahuja**, were felicitated with the **Best Teacher Award** by the **Saathi Foundation** in collaboration with the **U.P. Government** at **IMT Ghaziabad**. The prestigious award, presented by the **ADM of Ghaziabad**, recognized their exceptional commitment to nurturing academic excellence and the holistic development of students. Following this, on **7th September 2024**, the **Guru Pranam 2024** event took place at **Christ (Deemed to be University), Delhi NCR**, where our honourable Principal, **Dr. Neha Sharma**, along with **Mr. Jitendra Kumar**, **Ms. Poonam Choudhary**, and **Ms. Rashmi Panjiyara**, were honoured for their unwavering dedication to education. The awards were presented by **Mr. Sunil Kumar Sharma** (Minister of IT, UP Government) and **Dr. Fr Jossy George** (Director & Dean, Christ University), recognizing their significant contributions to educational leadership. On the same day, **7th September 2024**, at the **Shikshak Samman Samaroh** held at **IMS Ghaziabad, University Courses Campus**, our Principal, **Dr. Neha Sharma**, was once again rewarded the **Best Leader Award** for her exemplary leadership. In addition, **Ms. Meenu Saxena**, **Ms. Jasleen Kaur**, **Ms. Pooja Paul**, **Ms. Sonia Thapar**, **Ms. Pinki Singh**, and **Ms. Shalini Johar** were awarded the **Best Teacher Award** for their exceptional commitment to fostering a love for learning in students. These awards were presented by **Lt. Gen. G.S. Chandel** (AVSM, YSM) and **Dr. Vijender Singh Chauhan** (Indian Educator and Social Media Influencer, Mock Interview Panel Member at Drishti IAS). These recognitions showcase the dedication, leadership, and resilience of our educators as they continue to inspire and guide our students toward a brighter future.



WORKSHOPS AND WEBINARS

Workshop on the Introduction of new criminal laws

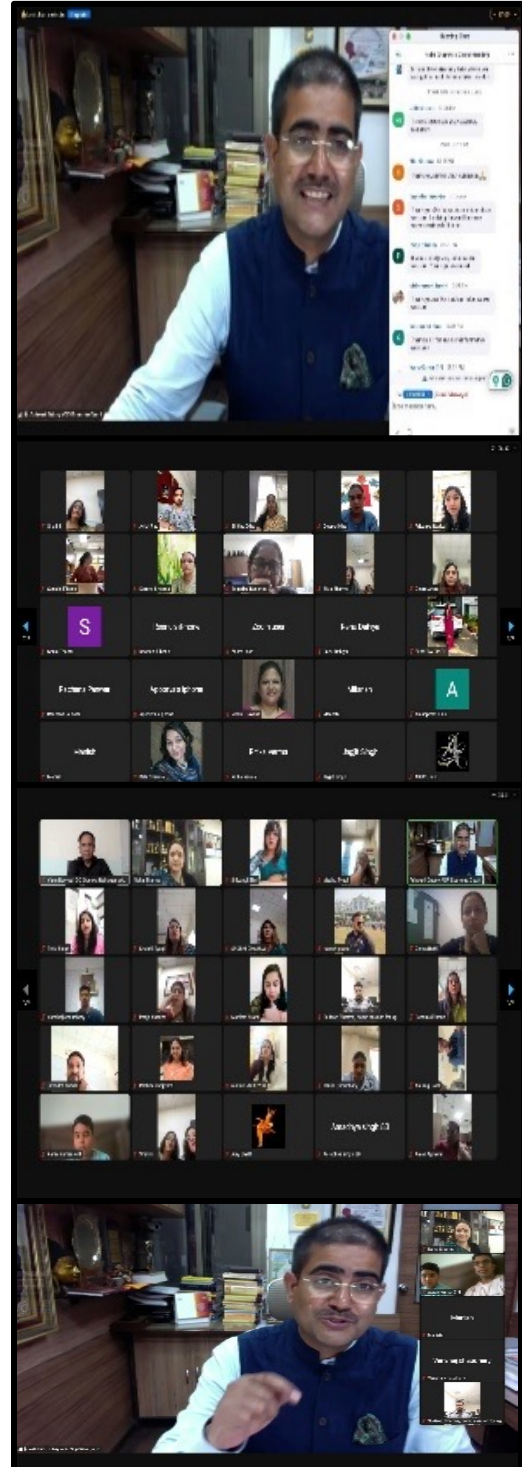


As part of our Parents' Education Initiative, **G D Goenka Public School, Ghaziabad** organised an informative online session to keep all stakeholders updated on the latest changes in the Indian legal system, specifically the introduction of new criminal laws, **Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita 2023** and **Bhartiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023**.

Mr. Ashwani Dubey, a renowned legal expert, conducted the insightful session on **6th July, 2024**, via Zoom, focusing on the recent developments in criminal laws. He introduced the latest criminal laws enacted by the legislature and emphasized the need for updated laws to address contemporary challenges in society. The session highlighted significant amendments in areas such as **cybercrime, juvenile justice** and **crimes against women**. Mr. Dubey explained the rationale behind these changes and their potential impact on various stakeholders. Following the presentation, there was an engaging **Q&A session** where participants raised pertinent questions. Mr. Dubey provided detailed explanations and clarified doubts.

The School Principal, **Dr. Neha Sharma** expressed her gratitude to **Mr. Dubey** for sparing his invaluable time and providing in-depth information on the topic.

The session received positive feedback from participants, who found the session particularly enlightening, informative and engaging which provided a clear picture of the evolving landscape of criminal laws.



WORKSHOPS AND WEBINARS

Funtastic Chemistry Workshop at National Science Centre, Delhi

Students of **Grades VIII and IX** from **G D Goenka Public School, Ghaziabad** visited **National Science Centre in Delhi** on **25th July, 2024**. The highlight of their trip was the **Funtastic Chemistry Workshop**, an engaging and informative session designed to deepen their understanding of chemistry through **hands-on experiments** and **interactive demonstrations**. The workshop began with an introduction to the fundamental principles of chemistry, presented in a lively and accessible manner by experienced science educators. The students learned about the types of chemical reactions and the importance of chemistry in everyday life. They conducted **experiments** such as creating chemical reactions, observing colour changes and understanding the properties of different substances. Each activity was carefully guided by instructors who encouraged questions and fostered a spirit of inquiry among the students. Throughout the workshop, **interactive demonstrations** kept the students engaged and enthusiastic. They witnessed spectacular chemical reactions, such as the formation of colourful flames and the combustion of gases, which left a lasting impression on their young minds. The visit was not just about conducting experiments but also about fostering a deeper appreciation for the scientific method and critical thinking. Students were encouraged to think like scientists, ask questions and draw conclusions based on their observations. This was an enriching experience for the students. It not only complemented their classroom learning but also ignited a passion for science through interactive and memorable experiences. The trip was a testament to the importance of hands-on learning in inspiring the next generation of scientists and innovators.



Meta Digital Citizenship Program

On **10th September, 2024**, **GD Goenka Public School** hosted the **Meta Digital Citizenship program**, featuring esteemed guests **Mr. Shivang Raina**, Policy Program Manager, and **Ms. Ruchi Khanna Arora**, Program Head at **1M1B**. The event included a **Nukkad Natak**, **Panel Discussion** and a review of the school's journey in fostering digital citizenship, emphasizing responsible online engagement and community awareness.



CELEBRATIONS

BACK TO SCHOOL Celebration- Pre-Primary Wing

School bells are ringing loud and clear; vacations are over, school is here.

On **1st July, 2024**, little Goenkans from the **Pre-Primary Wing** returned to school after the summer break with big smiles, full of curiosity and ready to learn. Reuniting with friends and teachers and engaging in exciting discussions energized them for a sparkling start. The children began their day with a special assembly, enjoyed a rhyme session, participated in fun games and had a wonderful time.



Community Connect Activity:

Rakhi for those who keep us safe

Taking another step towards community outreach program, on **16th August, 2024**, Goenkan students from **Grades IX- XII** joyfully celebrated **Raksha Bandhan** by preparing and tying Rakhis to the school helpers, expressing their gratitude and appreciation for their invaluable contributions. It was a meaningful and heart-warming event. The event was a wonderful learning experience for the children, helping them understand the values of care, appreciation and the importance of every individual's role in our community.



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Raksha Bandhan is a timeless celebration of love, trust and responsibility.

Just as the festival represents protection, we too aim to protect the trees that safeguard us. **Pre-Primary Wing** children embraced the essence of the festival, using it as an opportunity to strengthen their connection with nature by celebrating **Vrakshabandhan**. Dressed in traditional attire, the little Goenkans participated with enthusiasm. They learnt about the significance of the day during a Special Assembly and enjoyed songs and rhymes related to the festival. The children crafted beautiful handmade rakhis and tied rakhis to the trees, showcasing a remarkable effort to celebrate **Vrakshabandhan**.



DESIGN & INNOVATION Fest

The **Design and Innovation Fest, 2024** was held in **G D Goenka Public School** on **17th August, 2024**. It was an exciting event that celebrated the creativity, ingenuity and problem-solving skills of students. This event provided a platform to young minds from where they came together to showcase their innovative ideas, cutting-edge designs and technological solutions to real-world problems. The event fostered an environment of collaboration, learning and inspiration, encouraging students to think outside the box and push the boundaries of what's possible. Students presented their projects, ranging from prototypes of new products, innovative apps and more. This exhibition allowed participants to demonstrate their ideas and receive feedback from teachers and peers. It aimed to create a dynamic space where students could collaborate, innovate and bring their ideas to life. The event was not just a showcase of talent but a celebration of the spirit of innovation that drives progress in every field. By participating in this fest, students gained valuable experience, expanded their networks and were inspired to continue their journey of learning and creativity. All students, teachers and enthusiasts joined us at the **Design and Innovation Fest 2024**. The incredible potential of the students was showcased with the help of their projects as they shape the world of tomorrow.

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'A mother's love is eternal, spanning from the begin Krishna, the symbol of love, wisdom and life, exuded divine charm and grace.

On **23rd August, 2024**, the **Pre-Primary Wing** children celebrated **Krishna Janmashtami** with great enthusiasm. The children, dressed as **Radha** and **Krishna**, brought a traditional flavour to the festivities. A Special Assembly was held where the little ones learned about Krishna's birth and life. The celebration was filled with joy as the children enjoyed a lively dandiya dance. The occasion was made more special by the wishes from the Wing Head, **Dr. Pooja Chadha**. They had a great time painting and decorating Matkis.

JANMASHTAMI

Celebration -Primary Wing

Krishna, the symbol of love, wisdom, and life, exuded divine charm and grace.

Students of **Grades I and II** at **G D Goenka Public School, Ghaziabad**, celebrated Janmashtami with great enthusiasm on **23rd August, 2024**. Dressed in traditional attire, the young Goenkans participated in various activities. They were engaged in drawing and colouring activities depicting scenes from Lord Krishna's life and created vibrant Janmashtami crafts. A special talk on the significance of Janmashtami was given, helping the students understand the importance of the festival. Additionally, they watched a video on Krishna's life. The highlight of the day was the Matki Decoration Activity, where students beautifully adorned clay pots.



CELEBRATIONS



celebration in Junior Wing

A teacher presents the past, illuminates the present and shapes the future.

The **Pre-Primary Wing** children joyfully celebrated **Teacher's Day** on **5th September, 2024**, with great enthusiasm. The celebration was dedicated to acknowledging the invaluable contributions of teachers in shaping young minds and nurturing a love for learning. Our little ones took part in creating a beautiful keepsake for our esteemed Principal, **Dr. Neha Sharma**. The celebration included Special Assembly, where children learned about **Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan**—the great philosopher, scholar, President of India and above all, an exceptional teacher. The Wing Head, **Dr. Pooja Chadha**, emphasized the importance of **Teacher's Day** during the assembly.



Teachers' Day at **G D Goenka Public School, Ghaziabad** was celebrated on **5th September, 2024**, with great enthusiasm on the theme **Bollywood Nights**. Students from **Grades IX-XII** played an important role in the festivities. The event kicked off with an enthusiastic ramp walk on a red carpet where teachers lit the stage on fire, walking hand in hand with student lookalikes. Each teacher was announced using a Bollywood dialogue that spoke to their personality and characteristics. Selected teachers from each wing were also awarded with titles like '**Best Smile**' and '**Best Fashionista**' **Oscars-style** following anonymous voting. A theatrical video made by the students of **Grade XII** played on the big screen, lovingly dramatizing the various habits and personality features of different educators present in the school. The video also included a heart touching segment paying tribute to all the educators for their hard work in 'directing the movies of students' lives'. Students performed beautiful dances on classical and iconic Bollywood songs, paying homage to the theme. The event concluded with a foot tapping band with rhythmic vocals and instrumentals.



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Grandparents DAY



Grandparents have a special way of making the world feel softer, kinder and warmer.

On 21st September, 2024, the children of the **Pre-Primary Wing** at **GD Goenka Public School, Ghaziabad**, joyfully celebrated **Grandparents' Day** with heartfelt gratitude. The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by our esteemed Principal, **Dr. Neha Sharma**, who addressed the audience, emphasizing the significance of the day and honouring the grandparents' presence. Grandparents took part in fun games, enjoying the tambola game, with winners receiving gift hampers. The children's excitement to show their love for their grandparents was evident in their performances, bringing smiles and joy to all the grandparents who celebrated this special day.



COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Etiquette Week

-Pre-Primary Wing

Good manners reflect an internal quality—an inherent sense of consideration for others and respect for self.

Etiquette and good manners involve being sensitively aware of others' feelings. We emphasize instilling this awareness in children from an early age. During the **Etiquette Week** from **8th July to 12th July, 2024**, the **Pre-Primary Wing** children participated in various activities.

They learnt different **Gracious Greetings** and **Magical Words**, along with basic **table etiquette**. This included the proper way to set the table and place crockery and cutlery on the table mat. Through role play activities conducted by teachers, followed by enactments by the young Goenkans, children explored good manners and etiquette. They were also engaged in craft making.



The most beautiful thing to wear is confidence.

Fancy Dress activity blends learning with fun and develops confidence in children by making them say a few things in front of their peer group. With this thought, **Character**

Costume Activity was planned on **9th July, 2024** for **Grade Nursery** on the **Cartoon Characters** in which little Goenkans were beautifully dressed up as different cartoon characters and spoke amazingly.



-Nursery



-Garden of Magic Words



Integrating Art into teaching 'Magic Words'—such as **please**, **thank you**, **sorry**, and **excuse me**—can make learning these concepts more engaging and memorable for students. **Grades I and II** students participated in the **Garden of Magic Words Activity** on **10th July 2024** to showcase their creativity and language development.

COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES



The love of a family is life's greatest blessing.

Hands on Mike activities blend learning with fun and help develop confidence in children by encouraging them to express themselves in front of their classmates and teachers. **Grade UKG-A** students participated enthusiastically in the **Hands-on Mike activity** on the topic- **My Family**—where they spoke a few lines about their family members, love and the bond that they share.

Time to Experiment -UKG

The science of today is the technology of tomorrow.

Science experiments foster discovery and learning, nurturing intellectual curiosity and helping children develop new ways of asking questions and understanding the world. On **18th July, 2024**, the students of **Grade UKG - A** explored the **Colour Magic** science experiment. They learnt how tissue paper absorbs water and how to transform sketch pen lines to resemble flowers.



The sweetness of a mango is the perfect way to beat the summer heat.

To celebrate and savour the taste of this favourite fruit, the **Pre-Primary Wing** children celebrated **Mango Day** on **22nd July, 2024**. The day began with a Special Assembly dedicated to **Mango Day**, where teachers provided information about **mangoes**, including their varieties, colours and more. A **Mango Corner** was set up, showcasing a variety of mango products such as mango shake, mango pickle, mango laddoo, mango lassi, aamras, mango candies, and mango juice. The little ones were dressed up in yellow attire and enjoyed crafting their own mango headgear. They recited different poems. It was a day filled with mango delights, as they relished the mangoes with their friends during lunch break.



Celebration -Pre-Primary



COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Time to Experiment -Grade Nursery

Science experiments promote discovery and learning. It nurtures intellectual curiosity, helping children acquire new ways of asking questions and understanding the world.

The students of **Grade Nursery** explored the **Science Experiment- Sink and Float** on **23rd July, 2024**. Little Goenkans enjoyed investing in different objects to see whether they sink or float. Children loved experimenting and it was a fun way to make them learn and grow.



Art is something that makes you breathe with a different kind of happiness.

Origami, the art of paper folding, aids children in thinking creatively while enhancing their concentration and fine motor skills. **Grades LKG and UKG** children participated in an **Origami Activity** on **24th July, 2024**. It was themed around nature, where they learned to create beautiful tulip flowers and trees using colourful paper by following simple step-by-step instructions. This paper folding craft was an enjoyable experience and a valuable way to develop artistic skills in our young Goenkans.



Tree Plantation Drive



The students collaborated to significantly impact our environment through a plantation drive on **26th July, 2024**. By planting trees students of **Grades I and II** contributed to a healthier earth and fostering a cleaner future. The students displayed their dedication and active participation in this important initiative. The students showed pride in their efforts and remembered that every small action counts.

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Time to Experiment -Grade Pre- Nursery



Science activities nurture the young mind's curiosity. **Grade Pre-Nursery** children were engaged in the **Science experiment—Colour Mixing** on **5th August, 2024**. They enjoyed the creation of new colours by mixing of primary colours. It was not less than magic for them to see the beautiful colours made by them. Children had a blast playing and learning with the colours.

To contribute to the environment and raise awareness about the importance of trees, **GD Goenka Public School, Ghaziabad** organized a plantation drive from **6th to 10th August 2024**. Students from **Grades VI to XII** planted seedlings of Mango, Lemon, Hibiscus, Ashoka, Gooseberries, Pomegranate etc. Students planted trees in different societies of Raj Nagar Extension, Ghaziabad. The initiative was met with great support from the community and aimed at enhancing the green cover in the area.



COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Declamation Competition

On the joyous occasion of Independence Day, young Goenkans of **Grades I and II** took centre stage in a **Declamation Competition** on the **8th and 9th August, 2024**, to honour our brave freedom fighters. Students delivered heartfelt speeches inspired by legends like Rani Lakshmi Bai, Subhash Chandra Bose and Bhagat Singh. Their innocent voices brought to life stories of courage and determination that won our nation's freedom. Each child's passion and pride were evident, fostering patriotism, public speaking skills and self-confidence.



Independence Day

-Pre-Primary



Freedom in thoughts, Faith in our words, Pride in our hearts!

In celebration of the Freedom and Glory of our nation, the **Pre-Primary Wing** children proudly celebrated the **78th Independence Day** on **14th August, 2024**. The children participated in all activities, displaying high spirits and boundless enthusiasm. During a Special Assembly, the significance of the day, the sacrifices of freedom fighters and the story of India's independence on **15th August, 1947**, were shared. **Pre-Primary Wing** children joyfully took part in group dances and showcased exuberant performances.

SCIENCE Experiment

-Colour Mixing



The more we study science, the more we understand how amazing our world really is.

Experimenting with colours is a way to unlock the mysteries of science. **Grade Nursery** children explored the **Colour Magic Science Experiment** on **20th August, 2024**. They learnt how mixing primary colours creates new secondary colours through a handprint activity. They applied two primary colours to their hands, rubbed them together, and discovered a new colour.

COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES



The more we explore, the more we uncover the wonders of our world.

Experimenting with fruits is a delightful way to unlock the mysteries of nature. Grade **UKG-A** children participated in a fun-filled **Show and Tell Activity** on **21st August, 2024**. The theme was **Fruits**. Children shared interesting facts and discovered how each fruit nourishes their body. The experience felt magical as they delighted in sharing and learning about nature's delicious gifts.

Rain is just another confetti from the sky.

LKG children enthusiastically participated in a vibrant and engaging Activity- **Tiny Treasure Talks-Show and Tell** on **21st August, 2024**. The theme was **Monsoon Season**. The activity was designed to boost the enthusiasm of children during the monsoon season. The activity was aimed at developing their communication skills, boosting their confidence, and enhancing their creativity by sharing their thoughts and experiences related to the monsoon. The little ones brought an item related to the monsoon season, such as raincoats, umbrellas, flashcards or even a favourite rainy-day snack.



Science can be quick and fun with children.

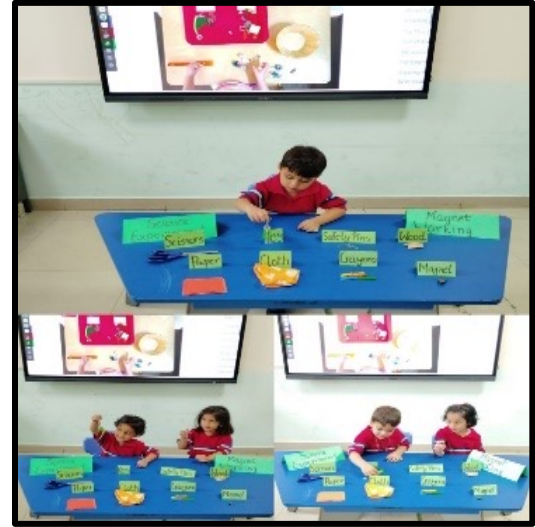
Grade Nursery children were engaged in another **Science Experiment- Water Displacement** on **27th August, 2024**. They were amazed to see how quickly the level of the water rose up every time they dropped a stone /marble /pebbles in it. To demonstrate water displacement to our little Goenkans, the story of *The Thirsty Crow* was re-shared through videos. They remembered the story because it was one of their favourites, and it made the experiment easy for them to understand.

COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Time to Experiment -Grade Pre- Nursery

The more we study science, the more we understand how amazing our world really is.

Grade **Pre-Nursery** children were engaged in **Science Experiment- Blooming Flowers** on **2nd September, 2024**. Children were given the cutouts of flowers. They folded the flowers and placed the folded paper flower in a bowl of water and waited for the flower to bloom on its own. Their faces lit up with joy at the delightful surprise it held! Children were explained the reason that when paper absorbs water, it swells up and expands. This makes the flower open.



Time to Experiment -Grade Nursery

Magnets are always fun to play with

On **3rd September, 2024**, **Grade-Nursery** children enthusiastically participated in the **Magnet Working Science Experiment**. Exploring different items like keys, safety pins, paper, scissors, crayon, pencil etc., they used magnets to classify objects as Magnetic or Non-Magnetic.

It included videos to impart important magnet-related knowledge, reinforcing the idea that magnets are not only enjoyable but also educational.



Experiment Time -Grade UKG

Science can be exciting and engaging for children.

Grade UKG-A children were engaged in another **Science Experiment- Water Displacement** on **25th September, 2024**. They were amazed to see how quickly the level of the water rose up every time they dropped a stone/marble/pebble in it. To demonstrate water displacement to our little Goenkans, the story of 'The Thirsty Crow' was re-shared through videos. They remembered the story because it was one of their favourites, and it made the experiment easy for them to understand. It was a Fun Visual Science Experiment which they learnt and enjoyed.



COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Character Costume Activity

- Grade Nursery

मन की भाषा, प्रेम की भाषा, हिंदी है भारत जन की भाषा।

भारत विविध संस्कृतियों का देश है, और हिंदी इसकी सबसे प्रमुख भाषा है। जैसा कि हम जानते हैं, हिंदी को १४ सितंबर १९४९ को भारत की राजभाषा के रूप में अपनाया गया था, और तभी से हर साल १४ सितंबर को हिंदी दिवस मनाया जाता है। जी डी गोयंका पब्लिक स्कूल, राजनगर एक्सटेंशन गाज़ियाबाद में हिंदी दिवस के अवसर पर 'कविता वाचन और तुकबंदी' गतिविधि आयोजित की गई, जिसका विषय था - 'भारत, मेरा भारत और भारत का मान है - हिन्दी।' इस प्रतियोगिता में प्री-नर्सरी, नर्सरी, एल के जी और यू के जी के छात्रों ने बड़े उत्साह और जोश के साथ भाग लिया। सभी बच्चों को हिंदी दिवस का महत्व भी बताया गया। विद्यालय की विंग हेड डॉ पूजा चड्ढा ने भी कविता गतिविधि में आकर बच्चों का उत्साहवर्धन किया।



- Grade Pre-Primary Wing

Gratitude is appreciating every moment of your life.

Pre-Primary Wing children learned about the importance of gratitude on **World Gratitude Day**. They recognized the value of expressing thanks for the people and things around them. Students created beautiful handmade cards to show appreciation for the helpers in the school. The day also honoured the incredible contributions parents make for their children, with our little Goenkans crafting lovely 'Thank You Cards' for their parents, filled with excitement and creativity.

HOUSE COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

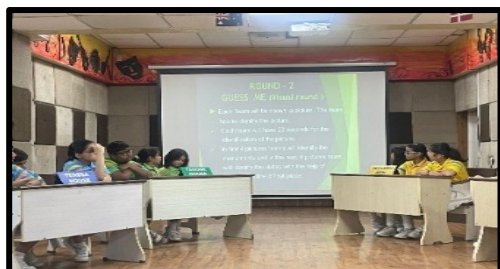


To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark.

-Victor Hugo

On 5th July 2024, Vivekananda House conducted an Intra House Spellathon Competition. Spellathon or the bonding over words

aimed at creating awareness of the possibilities of using varied words in written and oral expressions, to learn correct pronunciation and add words to the active vocabulary of students. This competition provided an interesting doorway for students to learn new vocabulary in an interesting method. The students participated with great enthusiasm and duelled through the toughest words. There were four rounds for the learners to showcase their accuracy which attempted to inculcate a love for words, challenge their limits, take pride in their efforts and explore their linguistic mettle.



On **18th July 2024**, our school organized a vibrant **Heritage Quiz** to celebrate and deepen our understanding of our rich cultural history. The event was a huge success, with enthusiastic participation from students of **Grades III-V**. This quiz aimed to educate and inspire students about the diverse heritage that shapes our identity. A total of 4 Houses participated, each consisting of 4 members. The format included multiple rounds, covering different aspects of our heritage.

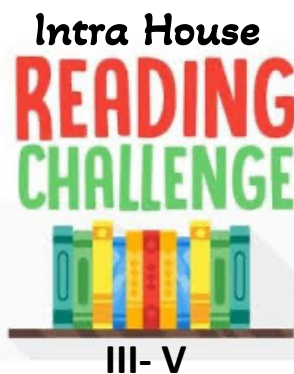
The Heritage Quiz was not only a competition but also a celebration of our cultural roots. It inspired students to take pride in their heritage and motivated them to learn more about the history and traditions that define us. We look forward to more such events in the future!

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On 23rd August 2024, an Intra House Festive Delight- Cooking without Fire event was organized for the students from Grades VI to XII, providing a platform to showcase their culinary creativity. The event, Festive Delight, in which students had to prepare either savoury or sweet dishes without using any heat source, ensuring that their dish was related to some or the other festival of India. Participants displayed an impressive range of recipes, including fruit salads, sandwiches, desserts, bread cakes, dry fruit ladoos, many savouries and more. The students demonstrated excellent teamwork, creativity, and knowledge of nutrition while preparing their dishes. The event not only fostered healthy eating habits but also encouraged students to explore cooking as a fun and creative activity. Innovative recipes and presentation skills of the enthusiastic participants made the event a resounding success.



The reading challenge, held on 25th July, 2024 aimed to encourage reading habits and explore new books. All the students took part, with an objective to read a minimum of 1 book within the given timeframe. Throughout the challenge, the children achieved remarkable results. The challenge not only helped children to develop improved reading habits but also encouraged them to explore new genres and authors. Participants showed a sense of accomplishment and pride in their reading achievements, and the challenge fostered a sense of community among the children, who discussed and shared books with their peers.



HOUSE COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES



On July 26, 2024, our school hosted an

exhilarating Inter-House Heritage Quiz Competition, designed to deepen students' appreciation and understanding of our rich cultural legacy. The quiz was for the **Grades VI- VIII and IX- XII**. This event, masterfully organized by the Teresa House, featured spirited participation from all four houses: Teresa, Tagore, Radhakrishnan, and Vivekananda. Each house formed a team of four members, representing various grades, who demonstrated exceptional knowledge and quick thinking throughout the competition. The quizmaster, Ms. Mamta for **Grades VI- VIII** and Mr. Manish for **Grades IX- XII** captivated both participants and the audience with their sharp wit and insightful commentary, adding a lively and engaging atmosphere to the event. The competition was more than just a quiz; it was a captivating journey through our historical and cultural heritage. It provided a platform for students to explore and celebrate our traditions, proving that learning about our past can be both enjoyable and enlightening. The event left everyone inspired and with a renewed appreciation for our cultural roots.

Intra- House *Janmashtami* Craft Activity



Goenkans of **Grades III to V** celebrated Janmashtami with fervour and creativity. In an intra-house activity, students crafted beautiful crowns, flutes, and matkis using decorative materials. Their imagination and skillfulness shone through as they designed intricate and colorful replicas of Lord Krishna's iconic accessories. The activity not only showcased their artistic talents but also deepened their connection with the festive spirit, making the celebration even more memorable and enjoyable.

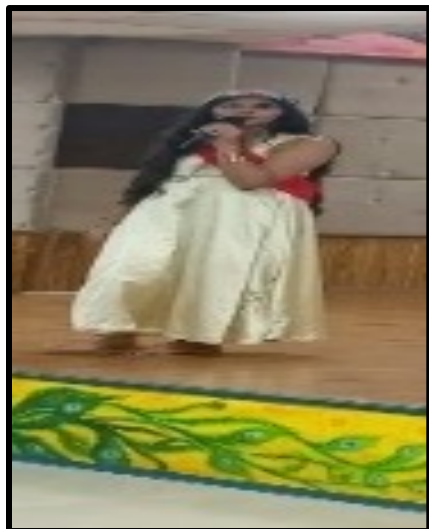


HOUSE COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Inter House



Inter House Soliloquy Competition was held on 6th September 2024 at G D Goenka Public School, Ghaziabad. Students of Grades VI-XII showcased their talent and dramatic prowess. The theme of the competition was based on **Shakespearean Soliloquy**. It aimed to provide participants with a platform to express their dramatic skills. The performances were judged on the basis of expression, emotional depth, delivery and overall impact. Students demonstrated remarkable talent and dedication. The performances were both inspiring and educational, providing a valuable experience to all.



ASSEMBLY TUBE

Grade VI B Assembly

Be the change you wish to see in the world.- Mahatma Gandhi

On 3rd July, 2024, students of **Grade VI-B** at **GD Goenka Public School, Ghaziabad**, presented an assembly themed '*Civic Responsibility*'. The assembly began with a prayer and a motivational quote, followed by updates on national, international, and sports news, campus events, and a weather report. Students also showcased the benefits of a snake plant and reviewed the book "The Island at the End of Everything" by Kiran Millwood Hargrave. A student delivered a speech emphasizing the importance of practicing civic responsibilities in our daily lives. The children demonstrated the importance of civic consciousness in building a true democratic nation with a short mime act and a poem. Lastly, Principal Dr. Neha Sharma, addressed the assembly by congratulating the class teacher and the students for their well-organized assembly. She motivated the students to become responsible citizens and guided them toward sustainable practices to protect our environment. The assembly culminated on a positive note with the singing of the National Anthem in the end.



Grade VIII A Assembly

Time is like a precious coin. It depends on you how you spend it. Don't let others spend it for you.

With this significant thought in mind, a class assembly was conducted by **Grade VIII A** on **10th July, 2024**. The assembly began with a prayer, followed by the thought for the day, news, and the new word of the day- "inquisitive." A book review on "Who Moved My Cheese?" by Dr. Spencer Johnson and a plant review on the "Song of India" were presented. The topic of time management was introduced, covering techniques like the Pomodoro Technique, Eat the Frog, and planning. Wing Head Ms. Shikha Yadav praised the research and encouraged everyone to adopt at least one technique to achieve success in all their endeavours. The assembly concluded with the national anthem.



ASSEMBLY TUBE

Grade XI C Assembly



Grade XI C conducted an assembly on the topic of **Water Conservation**. The topic was well presented by the class. Beginning with the morning prayer, followed by Thought of the Day, word of the day, and a small presentation. Students depicted the need to conserve water through a small skit. They highlighted the need to save water elsewhere our future will be a question mark. The assembly was very well prepared and was appreciated by one and all.

Grade VIII B Assembly



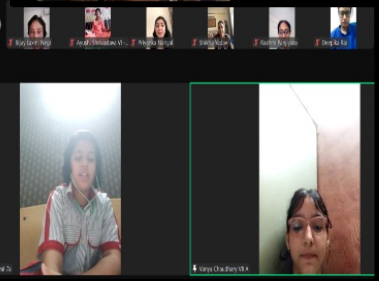
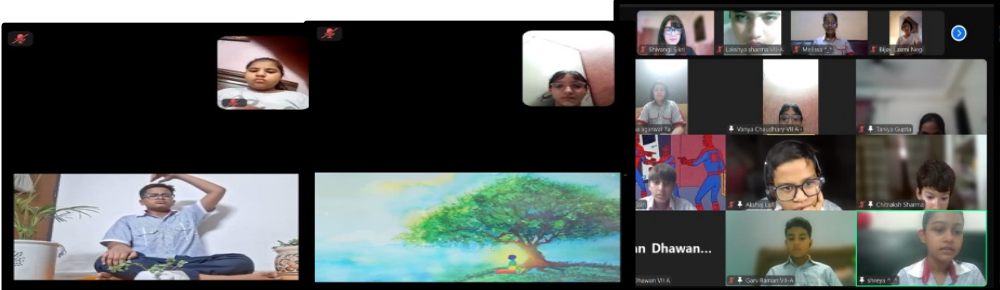
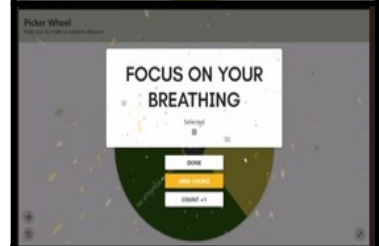
On 24th July, 2024, Grade VIII B students of **GD Goenka Public School, Ghaziabad**, took a bold stand against bullying by presenting an assembly on the theme '*Say No to Bullying*'. With heartfelt speeches, skits, and interactive activities, they illuminated the importance of kindness, respect, and empathy in fostering a safe and inclusive school environment. Their initiative not only inspired their peers but also underscored the power of collective action in creating positive change.

ASSEMBLY TUBE

Grade VII A Assembly

Take a breath, pause and be still, listen to your heart, let self-care fill. Fill your life with love, joy and serenity, Mindfulness and self-care, a perfect symphony!

To inculcate moments of calm into our fast-paced lives, the learners of **Grade VII-A** indulged everyone in a self-care and mindfulness session. The aim of the virtual assembly was to explore the significance of self-care, its benefits and practical tips to be incorporated into our daily lives. Young enthusiasts spoke about the importance of being mindful and healthy, intertwined with the SDG: Good Health and Mental Wellbeing. An interesting breathing session was conducted by a learner, cultivating a fulfilling life and being alive to each moment. The assembly also included a 'Spin the Picker Wheel tool,' wherein learners eloquently spoke about ways to indulge in self-care and recited poems. The assembly concluded with a meditation session in which we all shown our magic wands around ourselves channelising a good aura and radiating to a positive morning. Our wing head, **Ms. Shikha Yadav** inspired everyone by indulging in these sessions and encouraging everyone to take care of themselves.



Grade X A Assembly

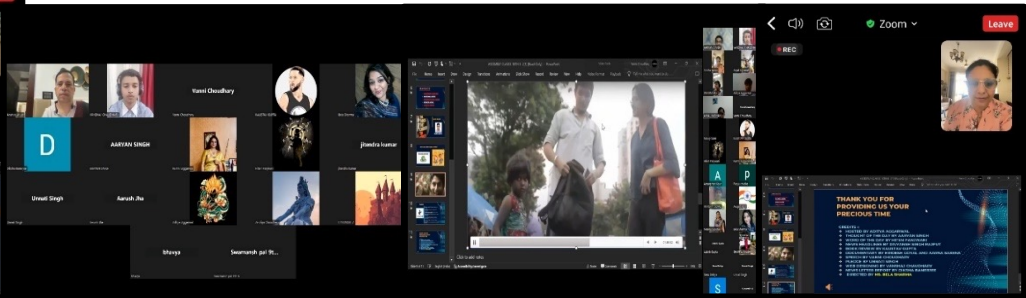
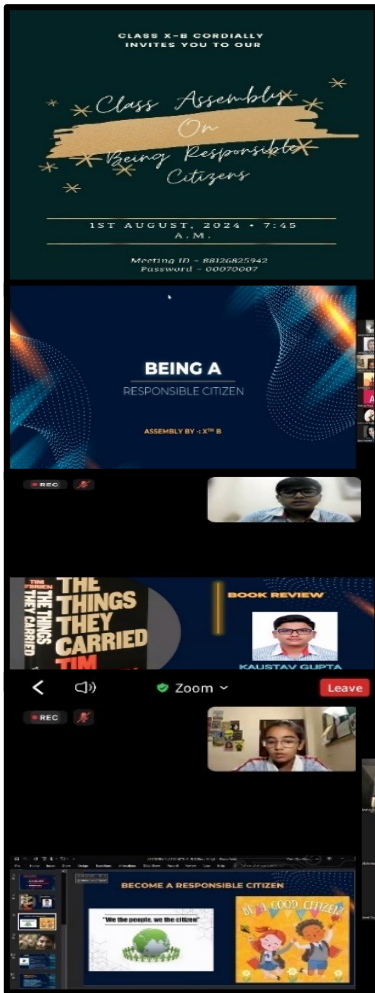
On **25th July, 2024**, **Grade X A** conducted a meaningful assembly on the topic of '*Goal Setting*.' The assembly began with a solemn prayer, setting a respectful tone for the event. Following the prayer, a student shared an inspiring Thought of the Day. Next, the News segment was presented, keeping the audience informed about current events. The Word of the Day was introduced, expanding everyone's vocabulary. To explore deeper into the topic, the students performed an engaging skit that demonstrated the importance of setting goals, the challenges one might face, and the determination required to achieve them.



ASSEMBLY TUBE

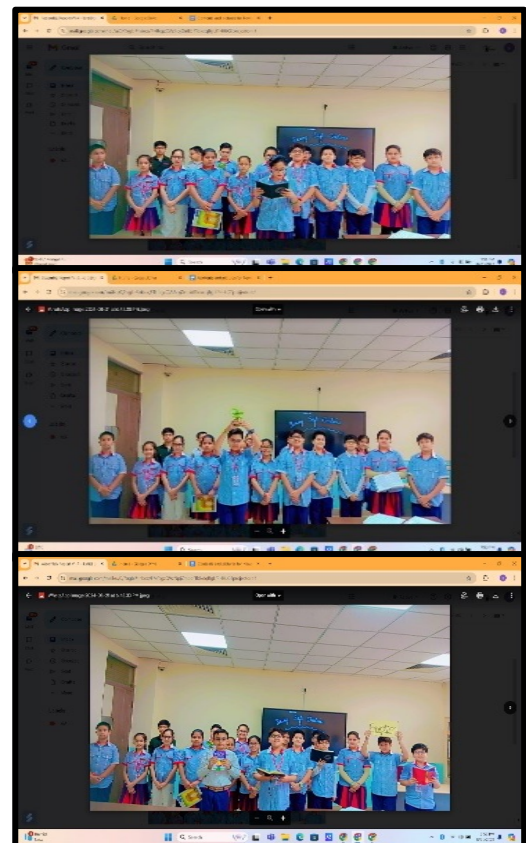
Grade X B Assembly

An inspiring assembly was conducted on **1st August, 2024** on the theme '*Being Responsible Citizens*' by the students of **Grade X B** in Online mode. The assembly began by seeking the blessings of Almighty which was followed by a motivating thought, 'You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today' to start the day anew. Light was thrown on the theme '*Being Responsible Citizens*,' through a quick speech followed by a beautifully made Documentary by the students. Being the citizens of our country, it's our duty to be responsible and to uphold our country's pride. Contributing by doing something as simple as obeying laws is one big step towards this. The students then solidified this by taking a pledge, thus marking the end of the assembly.



Grade VI A Assembly

An assembly led by students of **Grade VI-A** was conducted on **21st August, 2024**. The assembly began with prayers and a meticulous thought: 'Technology is a useful servant but a dangerous master'. Next, they spoke on the leading topic, '*Being Safe Online*' and performed a **Nukkad Natak** on the topic. The National, International, and Campus news were reported, followed by the Weather report and Sports news. The Plant 'Money Plant' was displayed and introduced to the assembly, followed by an inspiring book review on 'The Power of Subconscious Mind'. The word of the day, 'Encryption' was introduced, which means "A method of protecting information or data by encoding it." and was also used in a sentence.



EXCURSION

Visit to Lal Bahadur Shastri Ashram

On **2nd September, 2024**, as a part of community outreach program and to inculcate the habit of empathy amongst students, **G D Goenka Public School, Ghaziabad** organized a visit to Lal Bahadur Shastri Ashram, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, for **Grades VI to VIII** on **2nd September, 2024**. In preparation for the visit, the school organized a donation drive, where students and their families contributed a range of items including clothing, books, toys, and essential supplies. The spirit of giving was evident as the collected items were thoughtfully packed and presented to the orphanage staff and children upon arrival. The visit was not only about giving but also about learning. Students spent some time with the orphanage's children. This interaction provided an invaluable opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of empathy, gratitude, and the importance of community. The experience taught them that even small acts of kindness can make a significant difference in someone's life. Overall, the visit was a profound reminder of the impact we can have when we come together to support and uplift one another. Students left with hearts full of compassion and a renewed sense of social responsibility.



EXCURSION

Explore, Learn, and Grow

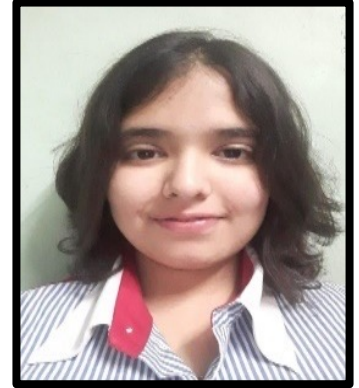
Learning is most effective when it involves hands-on experiences and encourages exploration. On **27th September, 2024**, **Pre-Nursery-II** students enjoyed an excursion to different Places of Worship. The children were excited about this experience, which provided them with valuable learning opportunities. It was truly a joyful experience for the little ones. This visit exemplified the importance of learning beyond the classroom.

Visit to Places of Worship



STUDENTS' CORNER

Voyage of moments



To find our destiny, our place
We surf through the waves
Stuck in an endless sea
The hands of the clock dance gracefully.

The silent whispers
that go unheard;
but there are some people
who hark the unheard.

Each grain of sand casts a
shadow of joy and sorrow,
we cherish the joy, and learn
from the past and tomorrow.

Each tick a whisper, soft and true
To squander or cherish -
the choice lies
in what we do.

Each moment twirls
swift and light
Time embraces
both day and night.

With every dawn,
A new chance to embrace
the fleeting moments
In Time's gentle grace.

And in the dance of
Shadow and light
We find our purpose,
Our Might.

-Suhani Sharma (IX-B)

STUDENTS' CORNER

Review on

PERCY JACKSON Series



Imagine a Greek myth set in the modern era, where the Gods reside in New York City and Olympus is accessible through an elevator in the Empire State Building! Sounds silly, right? That's exactly the web that acclaimed author Rick Riordan has weaved in the form of the Percy Jackson series, where the adventures of a dyslexic son of Poseidon, the Greek God of the Sea are so cheerfully followed.

The series follows the titular character, Percy Jackson, an average 12-year-old one day, and an accused thief of Zeus's famous lightning bolt the next. This and many more misadventures follow Percy and his friends as he discovers his true identity as a son of Poseidon and destiny to be a hero that'll end all evil.

With the evil Titans gaining power once again and the reign of the Olympians threatened, it seems that Percy's time to shine will be sooner than he could ever have anticipated. The saga is spread over 5 main instalments that chronicle Percy's adventures and explore various Ancient Greek myths with the lens of modernity. The light-hearted tone, simple writing style and humorously-written instances make it a perfect read for children seeking an escape to the fantasy-fuelled world of Ancient Greece in a comical way. It is also an infallible way to introduce oneself to the massive world of Greek mythology, which is in itself an extremely fascinating topic.

- Kabeer Khanna (XI B)



TEACHERS' CORNER

Embracing the Evolution of Work: The Rise of Remote Work Culture



The landscape of work has undergone a dramatic transformation in recent years, with the proliferation of remote work becoming a defining characteristic of the modern workforce. The advent of technology, coupled with changing attitudes toward work-life balance, has propelled organizations to embrace remote work arrangements. Let's explore the remote work culture, its benefits and challenges, and the essential elements that contribute to its success.

Remote work culture is working remotely i.e. working from anywhere other than the office. It can be your home, any co-working space, a hill station, a seabeach, etc. For the benefits of remote work, I must put forth the fact that remote work offers numerous benefits for both employees and employers.

For employees, it provides flexibility in managing work schedules, enabling a better work-life balance and reducing commuting stress. Remote work also opens up opportunities for individuals who may have geographic constraints or disabilities that make traditional office settings challenging and allow them to work in environments where they feel most productive.

Employers, on the other hand, benefit from increased productivity and cost savings. Remote work eliminates the need for physical office spaces, reducing overhead expenses. It enables companies to tap into a global talent pool, leading to greater diversity and specialized skill sets. Remote work has also been shown to boost employee satisfaction, engagement and retention, resulting in a more motivated and loyal workforce.

But there are many challenges in Remote work and challenges become interesting when they come up with solutions. One major hurdle is a feeling of disconnection. To overcome this, organizations need to foster a strong sense of community through regular communication, virtual team-building activities, online chat platforms, video conferences and virtual coffee breaks and create a sense of camaraderie. Regular check-ins and feedback sessions are crucial to ensure alignment.

Maintaining a work-life balance is also a challenge. Without clear boundaries, remote workers may find it difficult to separate their personal and professional lives. Employers should encourage employees to establish structured routines and set boundaries to prevent burnout.

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Investing in technology and digital infrastructure is crucial to ensure that remote employees have access to the necessary resources. Organizations should also consider providing ergonomic support and equipment to promote the health and well-being of remote workers.

Lastly, organizations should continuously evaluate and adapt their remote work policies and practices. Soliciting feedback from employees will lead to an evolving and refined remote work culture.

Numerous studies have indicated that remote workers are often more productive compared to their in-office counterparts. A two-year study conducted by *Stanford University* found that remote workers experienced a 13% performance increase. The study suggested that the absence of office distractions, reduced commuting time and the ability to create a personalized work environment contribute to higher productivity levels.

It allows individuals to have more flexibility in managing their personal and professional lives. Research indicates that remote workers report better work-life balance, reduced stress levels and increased job satisfaction.

Remote work has been associated with improved mental health and overall well-being. A study conducted by *Buffer* found that remote workers experience lower stress levels and higher job satisfaction. The removal of commuting-related stress, reduced exposure to office politics and increased control over their work environment contribute to the positive impact on employee well-being.

Research indicates that remote workers are more likely to stay with their current employers compared to on-site employees. The autonomy and flexibility offered by remote work contribute to higher job satisfaction, which, in turn, leads to increased employee loyalty and commitment.

It can yield significant cost savings for both employers and employees. Companies can reduce expenses related to office space, utilities, and infrastructure. Employees, on the other hand, save on commuting costs, parking fees and expenses associated with maintaining a professional wardrobe. These cost savings contribute to increased job satisfaction and overall financial well-being.

The remote work culture represents a significant shift in how we approach work, offering countless benefits for employees and employers. By overcoming challenges through effective communication and supporting work-life balance, organisations can create an inclusive and productive remote work environment. Embracing the remote work revolution and investing in the necessary tools and cultural practices will position companies for success in the ever-evolving future of work.

- Ms. Sagorika Banerjee



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