

THE GAZETTE



Back to school...



*The Garden was here but the flowers were missing!
But now the wait is over!*

We are delighted to see our Grade X and XII children finally coming back to the School campus, our library is once again filled with the sounds of laughter & learning, reading nooks are occupied and friends have been reunited after a long absence.

Classes are back in school and we are filled with joy to watch our young Goenkans return to the physical classroom with extensive safety protocols.

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Let's hear it from our students....

"Online school was stressful, but the new rebooting of offline school is a stress buster. The old memories have come back alive. I feel great to be back with my buddies and cherish this time that I longed for". --Manas Grade X



"The school has been taking precautions for covid-19 very seriously and we are getting to meet our friends and teachers physically. I have started enjoying the high school that I had dreamt of after all" --Harshit Sarda Grade X



"Last Wednesday, I went to school for the first time in two years. While it wasn't the first time I've visited the school, I can't remember the last time I've attended classes outside a laptop and mic. Perhaps some unmemorable day of class ten, long forgotten in the hassle of Boards. Either way, it felt good to be back in an oh-so-familiar environment, a hallway filled with chatter at break time. It gave a much-needed change from the monotony of a laptop screen. Of course, not everything is the same. Masks are a permanent fixture on everyone's face along with the required COVID protocols, a sight you wouldn't have seen two years ago. It was nice to see and talk to my classmates and teachers, catch up with them. Getting the feel of a good ol' fashioned offline class, blackboard, and everything. All the usual things I took for granted before COVID".-- Shreya Madusudam Grade XII



"The school was reopened for offline classes a few weeks back. My overall experience has been pretty great. Meeting with teachers and students in person takes me to the pre-COVID times. The school follows all government guidelines, which is great for the safety of students and teachers. The 'Hybrid-Classroom' teaching method is also good since it allows students to attend classes both in online and offline mode. I am looking forward to the time where everything comes back to normal as it was years earlier." -- Utkrish Parmar Grade XII



"Attending school online has always been a headache for me for the past one and a half years. It affected my sleeping schedule, my eyesight, and my mental state a lot. I wasn't able to study productively and it affected my result in grade 11th. This year when the schools reopened. I was excited to meet my classmates and teachers. I was excited to study in the traditional, physical way and it's a lot better right now. I would like to thank the management of the school for the decision of reopening the school. I study well at school and it's definitely better than attending online classes. We get to learn more efficiently and effectively as the student-teacher rapport is maintained well in physical classes and less in online classes." -- Srajan Parwar Grade XII



CAREER COUNSELLING AND WORKSHOPS AT GD

CIALFO: Student & Parent Session Grade 8-12

The school implemented CIALFO Career guidance and college application services for students of Grades 8 to 12. It is a platform that brings together students, parents, school counselors & University admissions officers all under easy-to-use real-time software along with a host of useful features. This will help students get the necessary support and guidance for career counseling as well as a college application. The session was taken by Ms. Kanika Goel- Student Advisor CIALFO that will enable students to get an insight into the facilities CIALFO has to offer.

The session focussed on the discussion of creating a profile on a CIALFO platform to access:

- Comprehensive Global college search
- Smart shortlisting of Colleges
- Simplified applications to reach Global Universities.
- Tasks and Essay Management
- Self Awareness and Assessments
- Learning and Explorations
- Communication with Counselors
- Parent Update



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Parent workshop: Changes in the CBSE Assessment pattern



SPECIAL RECOMMENDATIONS- NEP 2020

- NEP has played an important role in outlining the CBSE Exams
- Board exams of Grade Xth and XIth will continue
- Board exams will be redesigned to reduce academic stress and pressure
- Board exams will test primarily the core capacities and competencies rather than content memorization
- Focus on holistic learning and development will be emphasized rather than narrow bands of content and material

Term II (IX & XI)

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| Schedule | February-March 2022 |
| Syllabus | 50% of the entire syllabus (Term II) |
| Question Paper Format (40 Marks) | 1) Case-based 2) Situation based |
| Internal Assessment (10 Marks) | 3) Open ended- short answer/ long answer type |
| Duration | 2 hours |

With an intent to orient parents of grade 6th to 12th about the New education policy and changes that will reflect in the examination pattern, a very interactive session was conducted on 9th September 2021, by the resource persons, Principal, Ms. Jayshree Patel, and Senior and middle wing coordinators, Ms. Ritu Adhikari and Ms. Ambujakshi V. The session included an in-depth discussion about the NEP and sample objective type questions, that can enable students to prepare well for the forthcoming assessments. The session culminated with answering questions of the parents and sharing some tips for the better and stress-free preparation of the exams.

SPECIAL DAYS, EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS AT GD



INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

Literacy opens a world of opportunities. Everyone has the right to learn how to read and write. World literacy day on 8th September advocates for literacy around the world. Pre primary wing celebrated this day by creating posters dedicated to literacy and bringing their story books to class to ascertain the importance of reading.

Children showcased their creativity through this activity.



JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATION

The blooming flowers, the humming bees, the calm breeze, and the distant sound of that wonderful flute.... So you feel it too? Krishna has been a charmer since childhood and known to win the hearts of everyone he meets. Janmashtami is a grand festival celebrated all over India to commemorate the birth of Lord Krishna, who is believed to be the eighth incarnation of Lord Vishnu. Goenkans revelled in this celebration with great zeal. They dressed up as Radhas - Gopals and performed on spectacular dancing displays. Our little Goenkans were the host of the show. The show was welcomed by Aavishka Kalakoti and Yuvaan Pugalia. The enchanting slokas by Anaya Jain and Spoorthi Dintakurthi were the main attraction. Adhiti Singh presented The Bhagwat Geeta Saar and the life lessons of Shri Krishna were described by Saksham Kanti and Skand Rawat.



GANESHA'S WELCOME

We at GD Goenka Indore, encourage the association and active participation in Brand building activities and events. As we are now stepping towards festivals we initiated our active participation in the Ganpati celebration by giving our joyful presence in Shikharji Dreamz & Shangri La Townships, near the school vicinity where our parents are associated.

School strives to ensure that we reach out to as many parents & children as we can through activities and facilitate them. We had fulfilled activities and games for all age group children & their parents where we all had great time.





TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION



"Teachers are the torch bearers of the Gen-next"
The teacher's day was celebrated online by the Goenkans and offline by the management on 4th September to express their gratitude for the immense contribution put forth by their teachers towards their development. Teachers are the cornerstone of students' future.

The school was decorated and the teachers were welcomed warmly by Principal ma'am, Sulakshana ma'am, and Preeti Ma'am. Each of the teachers was given a gift as a token of gratitude to show the acknowledgment and recognition of the hard work put in by them.

The students awed the teachers with a lovely bouquet kept inside the drawer of the teacher's desk. A plethora of other surprising programmes was organised by our lovely children like online games, guess the teacher, poems and many more.

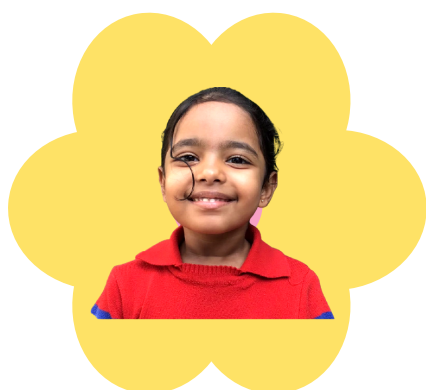
The celebration was followed by a delicious lunch organised at DLF Club House. The programme was wonderfully arranged. All the games and surprises were thoroughly enjoyed by the teachers. It will not be an exaggeration to say that the day was exceptionally well-spent.

PRE PRIMARY PTM DAY

The Pre- Primary PTM was held in school on 25th September 2021, with an objective to share the progress report of the students with the parents. It was a delight to see the tiny tots of the school, back in class with their parents. The children were very excited to meet their teachers whom they have not met for a very long time. They took a round of the school campus as for some, it was their first visit to the school. The campus was filled with chatter and the smiles spread by these tiny toddlers and this PTM became even more special for parents and teachers.



YET ANOTHER ACHIEVEMENT...



*"We know you didn't ask to be a virtual teacher
We know you didn't have the time or professional development*

We know you didn't have the tools to reinvent your classroom overnight.

But you showed up you worked hard."

GD Goenka has been a pioneer in the virtual teaching learning Process. As an ode to the teachers, our Little Champ Aura expressed her gratitude towards her teachers in the Sahodaya Poem Recitation competition where she bagged the best performer prize.

STUDENT'S CORNER



CLEANLINESS DRIVE



On account of the cleanliness drive during Swachhata Pakhwada, primary wing of G D Goenka Public School, Indore performed various activities to enhance awareness towards cleanliness. On 2nd September, children of grades 4 and 5 participated in Swachhata awareness program by writing slogans and making posters and paintings on Clean India, Green India. .

POSTERS MAKING

Students of Grade 10th created creative posters to spread the need and importance of Secularism a nation must imbibe. The concepts learned in Social Science classes were portrayed beautifully to make the learning meaningful and everlasting.



"BE A DETECTIVE" ENGLISH ACTIVITY



The skill learned can only ever last, once practiced. With an intent, to hone their speaking and writing skills, the students in grade 7, did a fun activity, "Be a Detective" based on the Novel, Hound of Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Students wrote dialogues, enacted and put them in the frame. They dressed like detectives and investigated matters that were unanswered. The family members and friends were too involved making it teamwork and fun to do.

WE WELCOME ALL OUR NEW STUDENTS TO THE GD FAMILY

Chetany Ray



Bhavik Jain

Aaransh & Aarav Hajela



Kunal Joshi



Anshika Singh



Abhay Pandey

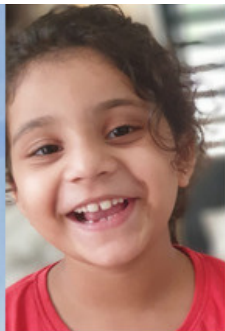


Ansh Rathore



Ananya Singh

We have been continuing to grow very well in terms of the number of students and there is a significant increase in class strength across all Grades from Nur – Gr.12. It is also imperative to convey how important it is for us to grow GD Goenka, not just in sheer numbers, but also in the quality of families we expand with. Thanks to each one of you for your ongoing support and trust in us.



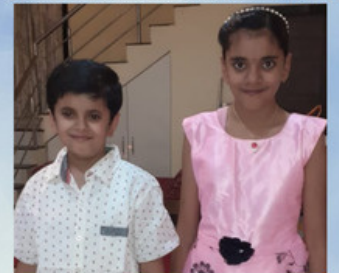
Titiksha Bhawe

Shrisha Jain



Sneha Agrawal

Shashwat & Nishtha Pathak

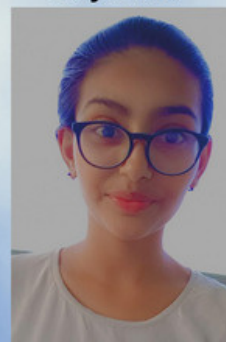


Vidhi Dubey

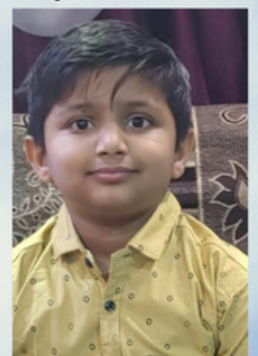


Saumya Gautam

Kriya Jain



Rajveer Raikwar



"A BEAUTIFUL ENVIRONMENT BEGINS WITH YOU"

By: Ms Preeti Assudani

The environment is the surroundings that we live in and share with each other. Our Mother Earth is filled with infinite beautiful things and if we truly love nature it is possible to find beauty everywhere till our sight reaches it. Most of the time we live in our house safely without any questions in our minds whether our environment is safe or does it need any change but what happens when we step outside our home. We find different environmental conditions when we travel around the world, sometimes we enjoy it and sometimes we don't like it.

We are very privileged to live in Indore, which is the cleanest city in India and this is possible only because of our collective efforts. The most important place for us, however, is the school where we as a student, a teacher, a staff member spend most of our time. It gives us a positive working environment for the growth and development of everyone. Beautiful gardens, lovely colorful flowers, lush green grass, grounds to play, neat and clean buses, perfect set up of classrooms and dining hall, spick and span washrooms maintained every day. Did you ever think about who is responsible for the beauty of our school? Who is behind making us feel safe, healthy, and happy?

It was none other than our staff members namely supervisor, gardeners, groundsman, guards, carpenter, nannies, and housekeeping staff. I would like to give a big thank you to our efficient, dedicated, passionate, and hard-working staff on everyone's behalf for giving us this safe and healthy atmosphere so that we can focus on our work to achieve our goals.

Also, I request all of you to contribute on your level to keep your surroundings clean and keep our earth safe not only for you and your family but for all of humankind. By doing so we will repay our mother earth because when we heal the earth, we heal ourselves.

Let us pledge to preserve our planet to increase its beauty and honor ourselves as it is our collective as well as individual responsibility to protect and love the world in which we live to make it more beautiful for everyone's mind, body, and soul.

