



THE GAUDIUM
PRISM

**IB PYP Edition
Nursery**

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Dear Parents,

Greetings!

Once there was a farmer, John, who lost his watch in a barn. For him that watch had deep sentimental value. So, he searched all over to find the watch. Even after searching among hay and corners of the barn for long, he could not find the watch. At last John gave up and asked the help of some children playing outside the barn. He promised to reward them if they found his precious watch.

After knowing that they can get reward, children hurried inside the barn to start searching. They went through all around the stacks of hay lying there but could not find the watch. After trying for long, children were not able to find it. They felt tired and left for home. After the children left, John thought of giving up the effort of looking for his watch.

At the same time, a small boy, Ray came in and asked John to give him a second chance to look for his lost watch. John looked at him and thought for a while and said, "Why not!! Sure, you can try if you want!"

So, John permitted Ray to go into the barn and start working! After some time, Ray came out with the watch in his hand. John was surprised to see that when all failed to find his watch, how could this small boy succeed! So, he asked him, "How were you able to find my watch?"



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Ray replied, "I did nothing, but just sat on the ground and listened. In the silence, I was able to hear the ticking of your watch and searched in the direction of the ticking sound."

It is important to let our minds have a few minutes of silence because a peaceful mind can think better and we can find our way!

It is important to listen! When we listen with curiosity, we don't listen with the intent to reply.

We listen for what's behind the words.

Student Led Conference and the PYP Exhibition are the two most wonderful events where we become curious listeners, understand the depth of knowledge, display commitment to learning and enjoy the spirit of collaboration in our young geckos. From designing activities to showcase learning and its application, students prepare and present their learning journey. From working with their peers to make a difference in the community through meaningful actions, sharing the impact of reading and using design thinking, our students have opportunities to emerge as confident learners.

Our students of grade 5 have started work on the PYP Exhibition. They shared the features of the exhibition and are beginning to list down sources to collect information. Students have formed their interest groups and created the central idea under the transdisciplinary theme- How we organize ourselves. With their mentors working closely, our students will now plan for their action as well as field trips to further enhance their understanding of their chosen organization, its' hierarchy and functions. Thank you for all your support in our journey of creating lifelong learners!

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Transdisciplinary Theme

Transdisciplinary Theme: Sharing the planet

Central Idea:

Living things have certain requirements in order to grow and stay healthy

Lines of Inquiry:

- Characteristics of living things
- Needs of living things
- Responsibility of living things for the well being of other living things

Key Concepts :

Form, Function, Responsibility

Related Concepts:

Classification of living things and non-living things.

Learner Profile:

Inquirer, Caring and Open-minded.

Unit of Inquiry:

The geckos enthusiastically continued their inquiry on taking care of ourselves and responsibilities for the well being of other living things. The geckos exhibited the attribute caring and were friendly and responsible towards their peers, plants and pets in school. They enhanced their social skills through various group learning engagements. The geckos were curious to observe the plants with the given growing conditions and shared their predictions as well. They enhanced their knowledge by the guest talk on how to take care of animals by Veterinary doctor and how to take care of plants by Telangana state, Forest Range Officer. The guest talks provided them with an opportunity to interact and ask questions to support their inquiry, thereby enhancing their social and communication skills.

Transdisciplinary Language:

The geckos had a reinforcement of the letters T, C, N, B, G, P, E, G, M, N, S, H, M, with phonic sounds. They also traced these letters which enhanced their fine motor skills. The geckos also revisited opposites using flash cards. They were able to recognise their own first name.

Transdisciplinary Math:

The geckos learnt the numbers from 1 – 7 with quantification. They did oral counting of the numbers 1- 10. They also had a reinforcement of ascending order through numbers (1-5) (Small to big). The concept was introduced through the flash cards showing various stages of human growth.

Dance:

The geckos engaged enthusiastically in learning basic steps on actions songs in which they paid close attention to the wordings to dance accordingly.

Music:

The geckos learnt how to sing vocals with full scale. They learnt the songs, 'Boogie Woogie' and 'Head and Shoulders' with actions.

Art:

The geckos continued their learning through clay modelling and creating various objects to enhance their fine motor skills, hand eye coordination, and repertoire of actions. They have started to learn drawing with tracing the different types of dotted lines and shapes to enhance their basic skills.

PE:

The geckos developed their fine motor skills and eye-hand coordination through activities like underarm throw and overarm throw using softball and soccer ball. Other activities were throwing the bean bag in the basket and softball inside the hoola hoop, aiming at the pyramid using the softball, etc.

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Events- Guest Talks



Guest talk by Dr. Ravinder Reddy
(Veterinary Doctor)



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Guest talk by Ms. N. Kavitha ,
FRO



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World Read Aloud Day – 5th February 2020

World Read Aloud Day was celebrated for all the geckos from Nursery to Grade 5 on 5th February 2020 in The Gaudium School with a lot of fervor and excitement. The geckos enjoyed the activity thoroughly as they came to know about the day and the events planned by the facilitators.

Reading stories to young children have a lasting effect as it not only helps them to grow as an individual, but also exposes them to a larger vocabulary, develops an innate sense of understanding, inculcates creativity and stimulates the mind. To help young children develop a love for reading, there is no other better way than reading out loud to them.

World Read Aloud Day was a beautiful joyous activity for our PYP geckos. The geckos were explained about the day and were amazed to find out that it is a worldwide phenomenon where people all around the globe read aloud on 5th of February to advocate for literacy as a fundamental human right that belongs to everyone. The event began at around 9.45 am, as the Home Room facilitators were shuffled across the sections of every Grade. The facilitators introduced themselves to the geckos and then they read aloud a story from a book which the geckos listened to. The facilitators read out the stories animatedly making the geckos deeply engrossed in the process. The activity triggered a thought process, helping the geckos make connections and collaborations inside their curious brains. The activity took place both indoors and outdoors as the facilitators read surrounded with avid listeners.

At the end of the reading session, the geckos were asked to write down their reflections. It was a very interesting fruitful process, as the geckos wrote down a variety of inferences and speculations about their understanding of the story and their experience of celebrating the day. The event was concluded by 10.45 am with the geckos sharing their experience of celebrating World Read Aloud Day and resuming their studies with fresh memories.

Events- World Read Aloud Day



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IB PYP SAIBSA Job Alike Session

The Gaudium School, Hyderabad hosted the PYP SAIBSA Job Alike Sessions 2020 on Saturday, 1st February on its main campus.

There were 9 job alike sessions in the morning and afternoon lead by experienced IB teachers and coordinators from India and outside.

16 schools and 300 participants from Hyderabad, Mumbai and Bangladesh attended the job alike sessions.

The keynote speaker for the day was, Mrs. Anureet Sethi and Ms. Arushi Sethi, (Founder Director Trijog – Know Your Mind, Mumbai). They shared their views and strategies for enhancing Teaching of socio emotional learning & self-management skills.

The opening address by the Director of The Gaudium School, Mrs. Kirthi Reddy, reiterated the firm belief that all progress and grow when we collaborate and share our best practices. Mr. Kaiser Dopaishi, President SAIBSA welcomed all the participates and encouraged them to share, connect and collaborate.

Mr. Vinayak Sudhakar, IB Business Development & Recognition Manager, South India connected with all the participants through Skype to share IB updates and congratulated the school and the participants for their efforts of coming together to share.

The goal was to provide an opportunity for experienced/new teachers, coordinators, vice principals and principals from IB PYP schools to get together to share good teaching practices, teaching ideas, their expertise, and explore issues/challenges relevant to the country or region and to share strategies and solutions.

The event came to a close with Mr. Kaiser proposing the vote of thanks and facilitating all the presenters from different IB schools and participants. He thanked the school management and all the people involved in ensuring that the SAIBSA was a great success.

Events- SAIBSA- IBPYP Job Alike Session



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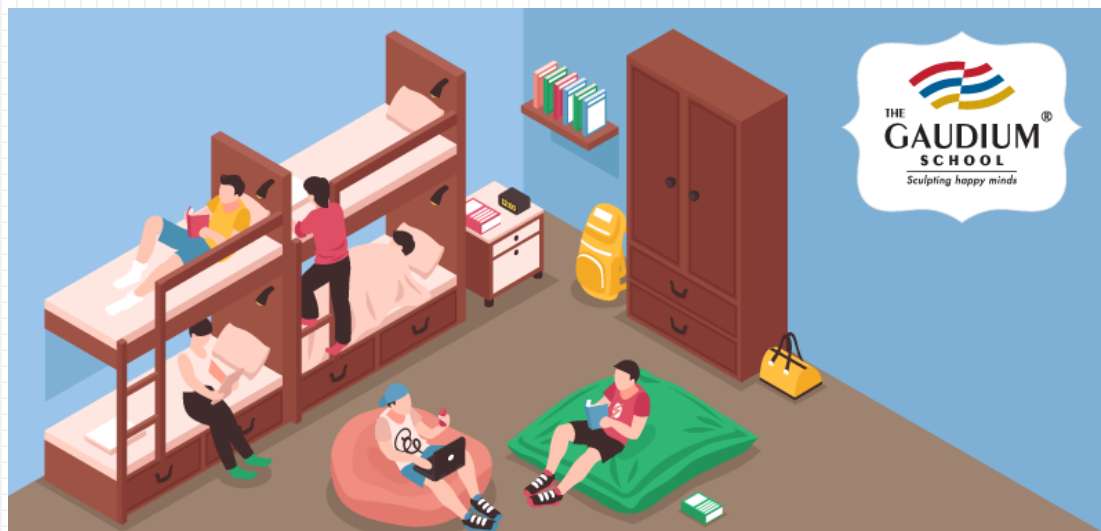
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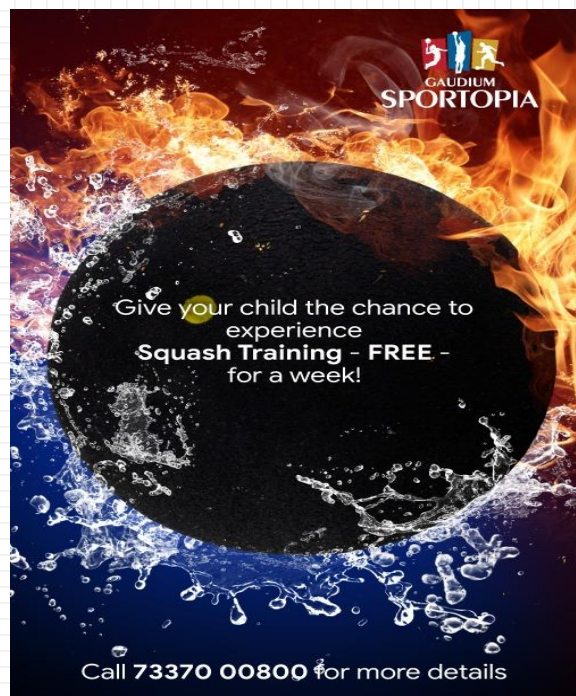
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Yashas S
Grade 3, IBPYP

Yashas S, participated in the Chess tournament conducted by One Goal Chess Academy on 16th February 2020 where he ranked 4th in the Under 10 age category. There were over 50 participants from various schools participating in the tournament.

Yashas S

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KVS Lasya Reddy
Grade 3, IBPYP

KVS Lasya Reddy, participated in the Chess tournament conducted by One Goal Chess Academy on 2nd February 2020 where she ranked 3rd in the Under 8 age category. There were over 70 participants from various schools participating in the tournament.

KVS Lasya Reddy

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Gaurav CH
Grade 3, IBPYP

Gaurav CH, participated in the Chess tournament conducted by One Goal Chess Academy on 16th February 2020 where he ranked 7th in the Under 10 age category. There were over 50 participants from various schools participating in the tournament.

Gaurav CH



Unit of Inquiry: How the world works

The geckos will tune into the fourth unit of inquiry under the theme, 'How the world works'. They will inquire about earth's natural cycles, activities that we do during day and night, how we respond during different seasons, difference between weather and seasons, rotation and revolution etc..

Transdisciplinary Language:

In the coming month, the geckos will learn the remaining uppercase letters with the phonic sounds. They will also improve their communication skills through story read aloud sessions, picture talks and poems. The geckos will be introduced to new vocabulary related to the unit during the inquiry.

Transdisciplinary Math:

The geckos will be learning about colours, days of the week, tally marks and descending order (1 -5). They will also have a reinforcement of patterns and shapes.

Dance: The geckos will engage in making formations like lines, circles following the music while dancing.

Music: The geckos will be learning vocal exercises. They will learn the rhyme, 'Rainbow and blue sky'.

Art: The geckos will engage in simple freehand drawing and doodling.

PE: The geckos will continue to enhance their fine motor skills and improving coordination through physical activities like striking and catching.

Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event
9 th March	Monday	Holi celebrations
20 th March	Friday	World Theater day
23 rd March	Monday	Ugadi celebrations

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