



THE GAUDIUM  
**PRISM**

# **IB PYP Edition Playgroup**

February 2020





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Principal IBPYP

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!

Anjalika Sharma  
IBPYP Principal

# Monthly Review

## **Theme: Farm Animals:**

The geckos continued learning about farm animals through different learning engagements like making a footprint to make a dog, handprint to make a cat, etc. We then introduced the children to 'Wild Animals' through picture cards and toys of wild animals. They also learnt about the wild animals through learning engagements like finger printing to make monkeys, making a lion face stick by pasting wool, googly eyes and ice-cream stick on a circle cutout, etc. which helped in improving their fine motor skills as well.

**Literacy:** The geckos were introduced to the term heavy and light through heavy and light objects.

**Numeracy:** The geckos continued to explore star shape through learning engagements like earbud dabbing on a star outline, making a star shape smiley stick, etc.

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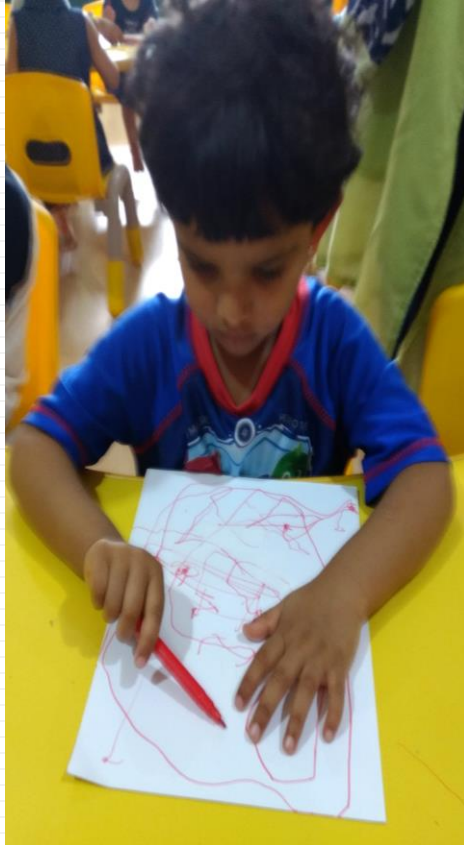
**Art:** The geckos engaged in scribbling using crayons, pencils and sketch pens. They also participated in making a bindi collage to further improve their fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and focus.

**Music:** The geckos have learnt fun rhymes and action rhymes for developing their communication skills.

**Dance:** The geckos enjoyed dancing to songs like Baby shark, I am a gummy bear, etc. using basic steps for the action words.

**PE:** The geckos developed their fine motor skills by playing different games like balancing their body and walking along with their partner in the hula hoop. For improving the eye hand coordination they engaged in activities like throwing the bean bags in the hula hoop. They also hit the cones using a soft ball. They had fun catching a soft ball using basket.

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## **World Read Aloud Day – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

World Read Aloud Day was celebrated for all the geckos from Playgroup to Grade 5 on 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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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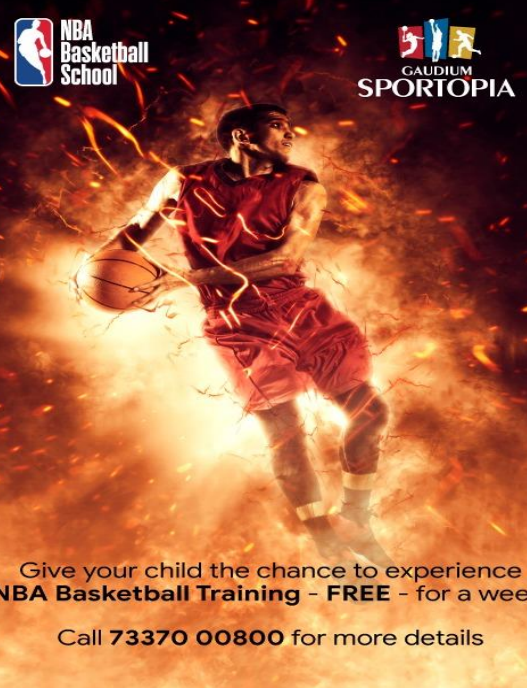
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**Yashas S**  
Grade 3, IBPYP

**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




## The Gaudium's Pride!




**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



## The Gaudium's Pride!



**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



## Theme:

**Wild Animals and Aquatic Animals.:** The geckos are going to learn and explore more about the wild animals through learning engagements like making a snake by rolling a bubble wrapper sheet on a paper plate, hand printing to make a rhinoceros, etc. We are also going to introduce them to the 'Aquatic animals' through picture cards and toys.

**Literacy:** The geckos are going to learn new words like open and close through actions like opening and closing a box, etc.

**Numeracy:** The geckos will be introduced to the "heart" shape through rhymes and objects related to heart shape. They will also take part in various learning engagements like finger printing on a heart outline worksheet, making a paper heart hug, etc.

**Art:** The geckos will continue to get involved in making collages using different resources.

**Music:** The geckos will be learning fun rhymes and action rhymes for developing their communication skills.

**Dance:** The geckos will continue to learn basic steps to perform on action songs.

**PE:** The geckos will continue to engage in various activities to improve their gross motor and fine motor skills. They will also enhance balancing skills and eye-hand coordination through different physical activities.

# Upcoming Events

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

# Event Links

## Event links:

<https://www.thegaudium.com/gaudium-events/>

## Our website:

<https://www.thegaudium.com/>

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