

IB PYP Edition Grade-5 March & April 2020



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Dear Parents,

Greetings!

One day a professor entered the classroom and asked his students to prepare for a surprise test. They waited anxiously at their desks for the test to begin. The professor walked around the class and handed the question papers with the text facing downwards.

Once he handed them all out, he asked his students to turn the page and begin. To everyone's surprise, there were no questions, but just a black dot in the center of the page. The professor thoroughly read through everyone's bewildered expressions and said- "I want you to write what you see there."

The perplexed students began to do what they had been asked to do.

At the end of the class, the professor took all the answer papers and started reading each one of them aloud in front of all the students. All of them with no exceptions described the black dot, trying to explain its position in the middle of the sheet, etc. After all, had been read, the classroom silent, the professor began to explain:

"I am not going to grade you on this test; I just wanted to give you something to think about. No one wrote about the white part of the paper. Everyone focused on the black dot – and the same happens in our lives. This is exactly what we end to do with our lives. We have a white paper to hold onto and enjoy, but we are so busy contemplating about the dark spots that's in there. Life is a special gift and we will always have reasons to celebrate. It is changing and renewing everyday- our friends, jobs, livelihood, love, family, the miracles we see every day."





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And yet we insist on focusing only on the dark spots – the money that we need to have, the luxuries we don't have, complications, problems at work, disappointment with a friend and so on. We need to realize that the dark spots are very small and only few. We allow these to pollute our minds. Take your eyes away from the black spots, enjoy each one of your blessings and each moment that life gives you. Be happy and live a life positively!

Given the unforeseen challenge that we all are facing today in the form of a pandemic, we need to be positive, believe in ourselves, follow instructions and enjoy these moments with our family- taking care of them and ensuring that we are together in such a volatile situation. Our students and teachers are connected and enjoying their learning in a different setting altogether- on a virtual platform. This experience will definitely help them prepare for the future. It has always been our endeavours to keep our students and children well prepared for the next step, but these are life's lessons that teach us the need to focus on the skills, target building resilience and grit because these help us adapt and gear up! We cannot control or stop challenges but must work towards turning them into opportunities to think, experiment and innovate!

On this note I thank each one of you for being our support and collaborative partners this academic year, 2019-20. We spent time reviewing, reflecting, collaborating and experimenting to ensure that authentic learning happens for all our learners. We await the reopening and start of the next academic year, with fresh zeal and enthusiasm and a new perspective that prepares us for an uncertain future, which will continue to throw challenges to exhibit our capabilities and develop our competencies.

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IB PYP Principal



March 2020- Transdisciplinary Theme: How we organize ourselves

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Central Idea: Systems in organizations reflect the purpose and impact the community around.

Lines of Inquiry:

Purpose and function of an organization.

Impact and effect of organizations.

Roles and responsibilities of individuals and community.

Key Concepts: Function, Responsibility, Connection.

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Learner Profile: Open minded, Thinker, Communicator.



Unit of Inquiry (PYP Exhibition Updates)

The month of March began with PYP exhibition that represents a significant event in the life of a PYP student. It is an opportunity for students to share their learning to the whole school community and exhibit the attributes of the IB learner profile that they have been developing throughout Primary Year Program.

Initially, students have gone through the exhibition guidelines to understand the purpose and requirements of the exhibition. They, then reflected their understanding about the exhibition guidelines. This gave them a clear understanding that all members of the school community including their parents have important roles to play during the exhibition.

The geckos freezed the Transdisciplinary theme "How we organize ourselves" after rigorous discussions regarding the local and global issues that they have experienced. They then discussed on root cause of these issues, which made them to come up with the point that systems are organized but, they are not functioning properly and are to be processed.

Later, the students framed their Central Idea, Lines of Inquiry, related concepts and key concepts. Later, they had a discussion on Transdisciplinary connections and then they continued working on the exhibition work relating to the Transdisciplinary Connections.



The geckos continued framing their essential agreements and inquiry cycle for each group separately.

Based on the issues chosen, students were divided into eight groups and now, students researched about local, national, and international organizations that are working towards solving the issue. Students continued their research work on the Mission, Vision of the (local, national and global) organizations working towards addressing the issue, the Purpose of the (local, national and global) organizations which are working towards addressing the issue, steps taken by these (local, national and global) organizations working towards the issue, effects of the steps taken by these (local, national and global) organizations working towards the issue and the positive and negative effects of the steps taken by these (local, national and global) organizations working towards the issue. Later, they had a discussion regarding logo. They came up with a logo for the exhibition.

Students had a session on copyright, integrity and acknowledging the sources, which would help them in a long run in writing without attracting legal penalties. This session helped the geckos to quote the author and citation appropriately while writing assignments, research papers or using any part of other work, which would otherwise amount to plagiarism.

The outbreak of Coronavirus caused shutdown of schools and lockdown of the country continuously one after the other for unknown number of days. This led us to go with online classroom sessions through Google classrooms, which helped us ensure that our students continue their learning and research through daily tasks assigned to them.



Transdisciplinary Language:

The geckos made the Transdisciplinary connections for each group separately.

Transdisciplinary Math:

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2nd Language:

Hindi :

During the month of March, the geckos of Grade 5 were introduced to the concept "karak" which is case and 'Nibandh lekhan' - essay writing which is another genre of literature. They have learned the importance of organising words to make meaningful sentences, organising sentences to make meaningful paragraph and organising paragraphs to write an essay . They read few essays during the class like "importance of computer in our life", "our country India" and reflected on their learning by writing an essay following the guidelines. During the lesson "karak" they practiced the type of karak and their use in sentences formation. To understand the use of these cases more clearly, they read one story "বাবেৰ কা फल" and identified all the karak and how they were used in sentences. Learners understood how these small words play an important role to give meaning to any sentence. Students have developed their writing and thinking skills during these lessons and revised the grammatical concepts covered so far.



French:

The geckos of grade 5 started the month of March by learning the four important seasons and the weather conditions pertaining to each season. The geckos can now describe the weather conditions. They also learnt adjectives. They did a short speaking activity based on prompts.

Telugu - The geckos learnt paryaya padalu and vyatireka padalu and also revised vachanalu and vaachakaalu. They have practiced reading comprehension and completing exercises from that. They are learning and practicing these exercises in daily basis.

Dance:

- (Warm up and the clapping dance -Activity)
- Bharatanatyam children are going to learn rasa and navarasas in bharatanathyam and second set of adavus (natta adavu)
- Western dance: preparation for grade 5 exhibition.

Art:

The geckos watched a demonstration on an object drawing. They have experimented and understood one of the elements of art value through their learning process. The students worked on the assessment and displayed various attributes and skills.



Drama:

The geckos worked on the following areas in the month of March.

- Focusing on stage geography.
- Improvisation exercises.
- Explore the movement and the use of space.
- Share ideas with partner or small group.

Music: The geckos learnt the song 'Earth anthem'. They sang this song in different languages, as this is a multi language song. This happened to be a new learning experience with respect to melody, rhythm and dynamics. The song brought a sense of awareness towards well being of our planet.

PE:

The geckos discussed the defense such as active and passive techniques. The geckos practiced the defense by playing the matches and one on one matches. They practiced the full court and half court drill to improve the ball handling skills and shooting.



March 2020- Learning and Teaching









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Events- Women's day celebrations- 6th March 2020





Events- Women's day celebrations- 7th March 2020









A training program was organized at the Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) in The Gaudium School, Kollur campus, on 19th March 2020 for the support staff team of The Gaudium School. The training session was facilitated by the field trainer of the Compass team, Mr. Sai Kumar. and the session was attended by 73 ' support staff members.

The first point covered in the training program was on communication and behaviour when it comes to customer service. The trainer spoke to the support staff on how to greet and communicate with parents, students and staff of the school. They were also instructed on how to prepare themselves for service, and the importance of grooming and hygiene. He emphasized on the delivery of quality service.

The next topic covered was the awareness of coronavirus. The support staff team were shown a factsheet on the same topic and were also instructed the steps to be followed such as the proper way of washing hands for 20 seconds and the do's and don'ts when it comes to Coronavirus awareness. It was a very informative session on awareness as the session cleared their doubts and misinformation about the pandemic Corona. The support staff were very thankful as many were exposed to various incorrect information and myths.

The Support staff were also trained on soft skills in the training session. The session was concluded with a talk on general hygiene and its significance in work and life. The session was concluded with a vote of thanks.



Events- Training program for Support staff- 19th March 2020



Support staff getting trained on health and hygiene



Awareness session on coronavirus



Training program of support staff



Creative suggestions of activities to do while at home during lockdown



Play Board games



Creative suggestions of activities to do while at home during lockdown



Introducing finance and budget



PYP Online Classroom update

As you are well aware, in view of the prevalence of coronavirus, the school had to shut down from 16th March as a safety and precautionary measure. The PYP teaching faculty devised a plan of action for the geckos to continue their learning by sharing worksheets for the geckos to be done on a daily basis. But with the rapidly changing situation and the efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19, the lockdown was extended by the Government. With successful collaboration and ensuring that we confirm and connect with our students on a safe and secure platform, we started our online classes and made it a reality!

The online classes started for the geckos of PYP from the start of April and is a grand success. We, at The Gaudium are grateful to each one of you in being our support and collaborative partners in ensuring that the online classes for grades 1- 5 are meaningful, significant and engaging. The positive response and approach to make this online learning a success is greatly appreciated by the entire PYP team. It was indeed an overwhelming moment for all the teachers to see the smiling faces of our students and their excitement in being able to connect. Since the start of these classes, our students have been punctual and attentive as well as very participative and adaptive to this new learning platform. With the enthusiasm of our geckos and teachers, the online classes which started from early April continued till Thursday, 30th April, 2020.



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April 2020- Monthly Review

The present adverse situation has given us an opportunity to think of various ways to face it. Gaudium has utilised this challenging situation as an opportunity and converted the face to face classrooms into online classrooms.

Our geckos continued their PYP exhibition journey through Google classroom and Google meet which helped our geckos to continue their joy full learning and research from their homes.

The geckos have been working on their selected issues and have concluded their exhibition process and shared their learning through PPT.

The geckos revised the concepts covered so far for them in the current academic year. These online sessions are helping them enhance their knowledge as they are enthusiastically participating in answering the worksheets and getting connected with their group members.

The students were given different challenging tasks which helped them in planning their action. They successfully worked in collaboration and produced innovative thoughts about their chosen issue. With teacher guidance, peer discussions, parent support, technological assistance and using their research skills, the students have virtually experienced and presented their Grade 5 PYP exhibition.



Transdisciplinary Language:

The geckos have been revising tenses, adjectives, active-passive voice, clauses and phrases and formal letter writing. Reading comprehensions are also being given for practice on improving their reading skills. The revision helped the geckos to brush up their basics and keep them prepared for the next level of their learning.

Transdisciplinary Math:

The geckos have revised fractions, BODMAS, percentages, decimals and some worksheets on mental math questions. These questions helped the geckos to enhance their logical thinking skills.

2nd Language:

Hindi:

The geckos revised all the grammar. They revised tenses, Karak, and punctuation marks. They read about two famous poets' and writers and the novelist "Ravindra Nath Tagore" & "Dr. Harivansh Rai Bachchan". The geckos were given reading material, worksheets and links related to the topic so that they could understand the lesson better. In order to develop their creative writing skills they were given tasks based on writing picture descriptions in a story, paragraph writing and simple sentences.

Telugu:

The geckos revised the topics which were covered previously. They discussed and revisited pariyayapadalu, samethelu and lekha. They were introduced to sheershika where the importance of a heading is understood. The geckos were working on how to write a heading on their own for a given sheershika (passage).



Learning and Teaching – Online Classes









Events- Parent Teacher Meeting





Coffee Meetings- An endeavour to connect minds and hearts

The lockdowns due to Global Pandemic has thrown open a plethora of Virtual connecting initiatives ensuring learning continues in spite of challenges. Gaudium recognizes that this could happen only due to undaunting spirit and commitment displayed by the entire learning and teaching community, Stakeholder engagement is one of the key components of our school culture and we display this through a number of initiatives. The School Director, Mrs. Kirthi Reddy along with the Principal PYP, Ms. Anjalika Sharma, GM Human Resources, Ms. Rohini connected with the PYP teachers, to appreciate and express their gratitude for taking up the role of conducting online classes and ensuring that learning continues. These coffee evenings got all the members of the teams sharing their experiences, fun moments, challenges and opportunities along with appreciation and recognition for each other, the team spirit and the commitment to continue making a difference to the world around us!



Sportopia Updates- Free trial sessions







General Fitness / Gymnastic Trial sessions online!

By **Manoj Kumar Rana** National Gymnastics

Coach, India

Click here to register for free!



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Sportopia Update- Professional online sessions





General Fitness / Gymnastic Trial sessions end April 14.

Join the Professional Session from April 15 to May 31 by following this link:

https://www.gaudiumsportopia.com/online-fitness General Fitness: Mon-Sat - 7.30 am to 8.30 am Gymnastics: Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri - 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm





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Upcoming Events- Sportopia online coaching



Cricket coaching

Chess coaching

Online Badminton Coaching - curated by Pulella Gopichand



Mode of Delivery: Online Syllabus: Program curated by P Gopichand Duration: 1 month Dates: From May 1 Time: Intermediate: 7 am to 8 am Beginners: 8.30 am to 9.30 am General: 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm

(Two sessions per day for each group)

Badminton coaching



Event Links

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