

# IB PYP Edition Grade-PP1

## March & April 2020



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Sculpting happy minds



#### Ms Anjalika Sharma Principal IBPYP

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.

Anjalika Sharma

IB PYP Principal



# Transdisciplinary Theme – How we express ourselves

### **Central Idea:**

Play facilitates expression, feelings, ideas and new understanding.

### Lines of Inquiry :

- Communication through play
- Imaginative use of material
- The role of toys over time

#### **Key Concepts :**

Function Change Connection

### **Related Concepts :**

Imagination Creativity Communication

#### Learner Profile :

Risk-taker Communicator Principled

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## Monthly Review

### Unit of Inquiry:

Creative act is the process of selfexpression. Creative experiences can help children express and cope with their feelings. Creativity also fosters mental growth in children by providing opportunities for trying out new ideas, and new ways of thinking and problem-solving. The geckos were provided with different kinds of materials like sand, leaves, twigs, water, play dough, glitter tape, paper, glue stick, popsicles, stones etc. to create a toy of their choice using the materials provided. The children enthusiastically made their own toy. They played with their toys and came up with the problems they faced while playing with it. Wooden, clay and toys made of stone were shown to the children to make them understand how toys have evolved over time. The geckos also learnt about the evolution of musical instruments over the ages. They were introduced to Design Thinking process. They were asked about the children who don't have toys to play with. The geckos felt empathetic towards them and engaged in designing a toy with which these children can play. They discussed about the problems they faced while playing with it and re-designed it keeping the points in mind.

The geckos were given tasks and online reference links for revisiting concepts covered in previous units as well. Considering the present situation of Covid-19, the geckos were also asked about their role in the community they belong to during this crisis. They watched video on the process of photosynthesis and the life cycle of frog, as well as arranged the stages of human growth in a sequence.



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### **Transdisciplinary Language:**

Letters 'Zz and Yy' were introduced to the geckos through rhymes, stories , sand , air and water tracing of the letters. They also learnt the phonic sounds of these letters which helped them in sound blending of these letters to form words. The geckos practiced the formation of these letters through various activities like making a zebra with letter 'Z' and pasting of yellow yarn to form letter 'Y'. The geckos practiced beginning, middle and ending sound of words. They read very short stories with two or three letter words to answer questions given to them. This helped in enhancing vocabulary as well as communication skill. The geckos were given various practice sheets to reinforce the concepts covered. They also practiced letter formation and identification of both upper case and lower case letters.

### **Transdisciplinary Math:**

The geckos were introduced to the concept of 2D and 3D shapes and their characteristics through various manipulatives present in the class. They were asked to find out 2D and 3d shapes around them. The numbers 61 to 70 were introduced through tally. They did bundling activity along with quantification using various objects. They practised the number formation in their notebooks and also on the green board. Concept of after, before and in between numbers were also covered. The geckos were given various practice sheets to reinforce the concepts covered.



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#### Dance:

The geckos engaged in making formations like lines, circles with music while dancing.

### **Music**:

The geckos learnt vocal exercises with long notes.

### Art:

The geckos practiced freehand drawing using formal elements and expressed their ideas. They were introduced to engraving techniques through oil pastel scrape art and were assessed on their understanding of the concepts covered.

### PE:

The geckos learnt striking with the use of fluff balls and plastic bats or thermocol sticks. They also learnt forehand and backhand striking using the same equipments.



























## Events- Session on 'Good touch and bad touch'



Guest talk on good touch and bad touch



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NNK Campus will have this session once the school reopens.



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## Events-Holi Celebration



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## Events- Online Parent Teacher Meeting



Online PTM





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# Events- Women's day celebrations- 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020





# Events- Women's day celebrations- 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020









A training program was organized at the Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) in The Gaudium School, Kollur campus, on 19<sup>th</sup> 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- 19<sup>th</sup> 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



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### Introducing finance and budget



## 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





## 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

**Event links**:

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

Our website: <u>https://www.thegaudium.com/</u>

Learning blogs:

https://www.thegaudium.com/the-learning-blogs/

Facebook : For daily updates please like the page. https://www.facebook.com/thegaudiumschool/

Sportopia registration link

http://sportopia.thegaudium.com/pages/enquiries

