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Dear Parents and Geckos,

Warm greetings to you!

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year 2021 filled with many successes and continued progress. I heartily wish that this year brings to us all, more strength and more dedication and I do pray that we are able to achieve all our goals with our matchless commitment and sincerity. Our Geckos are back to the virtual school with raised spirits and jubilant hearts after a wonderful winter break.

Completing the series on the five developmental pillars of The Gaudium's Happy Mind's Model, the 'Stakeholders Engagement', we at The Gaudium have been able to connect well with all our stakeholders though mostly virtually this academic year viz., the online classes, the Con-connects - the virtual PTMs, the curriculum specific orientations and events like Graduation Day and Academic Fair, the whole school events like Investiture Ceremony, Independence Day and Republic Day, the Language and Festival assemblies, the guest lectures - Talking Titans, counselling sessions by the School Counsellor as well as the Career Counsellor, the virtual University Fairs and Book Fair; the professional development of our faculty members, creating a platform for teachers to share knowledge and opportunity to unleash and develop the talent pool from within, relationship building through constructive engagement during subject department meetings, collaborating for curriculum planning by the Pedagogical Leadership Team, the decision -making sessions by the Senior Management Team, the virtual interactions with prospective students and their parents, the virtual interviews for the recruitment of new faculty, the 'Study Lounge' that provides emotional and academic support to the students while they interact with a specific teacher one-on-one, the generous donations by everyone for the Gratitude day for our support staff, everything has helped us reach our objective of building our relationship through communication, collaboration and contribution thereby establishing an atmosphere of trust and well-being.

The students of Grades 6 to 9 are done with their syllabus for the Final Term and are now having rigorous revision while the students of Grade 10 are all set to write their IGCSE Board Exams. Wishing everyone all the best!

Warm regards



The Coordinator's Message



Taking The Bull Of Examination By Horns

With the IGCSE Board examinations and the Term II Examinations for Grades 6-9 around the corner, I would like to affirm that examinations are the most wonderful things in any human's life. They are litmus test of our abilities, strength, and self-management. Anyone who fears them has already failed.

"My advice is, never do tomorrow what you can do today. Procrastination is the thief of time." This famous quote by Charles Dickens is apt to the present situation of Exams.

Examination fear is an indicator that we did not utilize our time optimally. It means we kept postponing preparing for the exams. Let me tell you dear geckos, if there were no exams, students would not ever take their studies seriously. The first and foremost thing about exams is never fear them. Each examination is succeeded by preparatory time, which must be utilized optimally. If you do it, you will love to take any exam. Second thing about exams is give your hundred percent near the exams to studies. Do not panic. Revise as much as you can with proper breaks. Do not lose heart. Just take the bull of exams by the horns, you are sure to fare well through them. However, the following tips can be helpful during the exams:

First and foremost, thing is don't panic. Whatever time is left, make best use of it. If you have phone, give it to your mother, or dad. Do not delay studying. Just start studying. Do study the subjects, topics, and concepts that you like. The more complex topics can be studied later. Revise by writing notes. Just looking at the questions and answers will not help. Do take frequent short breaks—say 20 minutes after a spell of one hour study. Study alone; if you think you can study better in the company of your friends, it is a wrong belief. Just be strong and study hard. Remember, there are no short cuts for success! All the best!

Sunitha Indukuri English Facilitator, IB & CAIE CAIE Coordinator



From the Editorial Board



Dear Readers,

Expressing oneself in art is the profound essence of life. It is the most favoured union when art meets the artist. Every school day at the Gaudium abounds in experiences that are skillfully carved till it attains its shape to perfection. Year on year we sculpt with a little more care, with a little more patience. In this new year edition of the Gaudium newsletter we once again bring to you the Gecko story of artistry. It's indeed a fresh beginning to cut across the storm clouds of the year like never before and set sail on the deep waters of exploration and discovery. While the classrooms have been bustling with immeasurable enthusiasm of special assemblies, quest talks, career counselling sessions, revision schedules and the likes, what predominantly remains unscathed are the joys of knowledge. The month also saw the Geckos wearing the colours of Republic India with unmatched vigour and pride of the young who has been handed down the rock-firm foundation as an inheritance. While they bequeath lessons from our magnificent past, they also simultaneously write their tales of accomplishment in the present, beautifully transitioning into time that holds promises of a glorious future.

Whilst classroom learning strengthens the core, we also implore you to invest time and effort in widening perspectives, in creating fresh paradigms and in building an everlasting commitment to knowledge. The virtues of reading, in this regard, can never be overemphasized. In the words of Francis Bacon, 'Reading maketh a full man...' and it is the pursuit of this fullness that we all strive for. Nothing can replace the joys of a family time spent reading together; we wish for you to nurture this habit and reap its persistent benefits. The Gaudium fraternity take this opportunity to thank you for your sustained efforts to let learning reign supreme. We hope you will enjoy flipping through, absorbing and reliving the month's experiences as much as we enjoyed compiling it.

Stay Safe and Inspire Greatness!

Ms. Ratna Das Editor



Humans@thegaudium

My Journey as a Math teacher during this Covid-19

"It is not the strongest of the species that survives, or the most intelligent. It is the one that is most adaptable to change." Charles Darwin

Like many other teachers, I had to adapt to virtual teaching and prepare myself to meet the needs of the situation. I equipped myself with a lot of online resources to meet the needs of the students. My journey started with making lesson plans aligned for virtual teaching. The goal was to continue to make math lessons interesting, meaningful and engaging to my students. To accomplish this, I focused on 3 major things:

- Building a strong foundation on concepts
- Develop innovative teaching strategies and online assessment tools
- Provide aligned and quality material

Mathematics offers rationality to our thoughts. It is a tool in our hands to make life simpler and easier. Let us realize and appreciate the beauty of the subject and embrace it with all our heart. It is a talent which should be compulsorily owned by all in every walk of life.

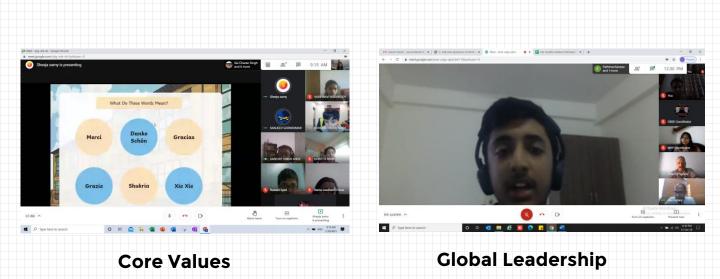
"The mind is not a vessel that needs filling, but wood that needs igniting."

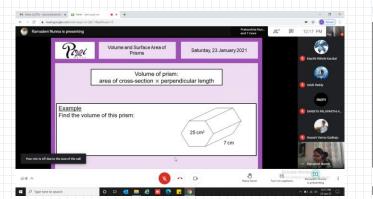
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The Five Pillars







Holistic Excellence

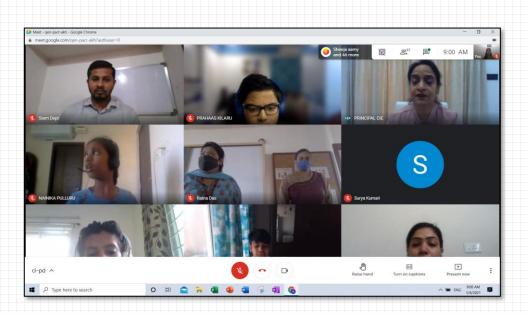
Mindfulness _ Well being

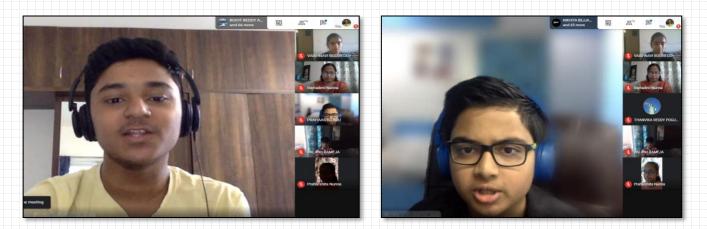


Stake Holders Connect



It is so rightly said - 'It is only through the power of association that those of any calling exercise due influence in their communities'; morning assemblies during the virtual classes are increasingly transforming into a platform to associate and build connections that reinstate the five developmental pillars of the Gaudium and the student learning profiles. Replete with mindfulness activities, motivational discourses and candid conversations it is widening the vistas of knowledge for the students and teachers, alike.





Special Assembly Welcoming the New Year 2021



Students exhibiting STEM Projects in the Special Assembly















Core Value – Gratitude being illustrated through a fable



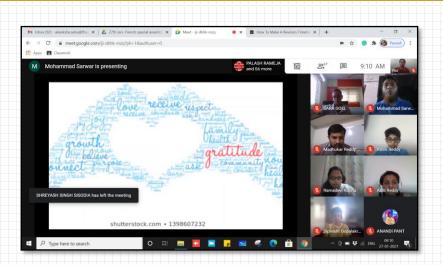


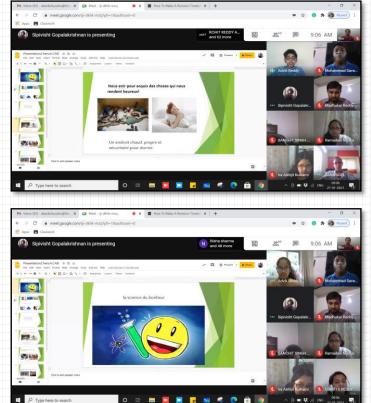


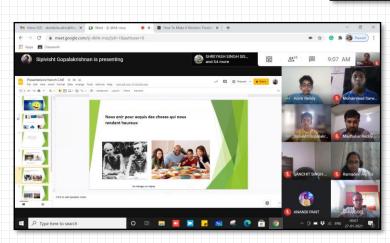




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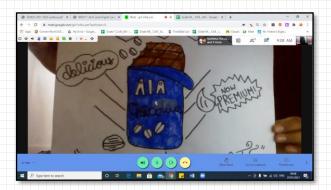
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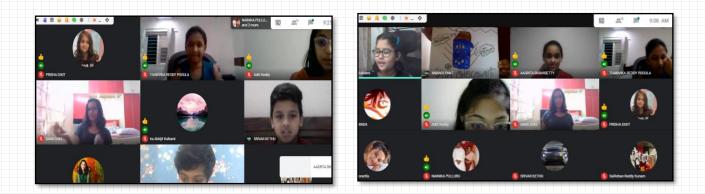
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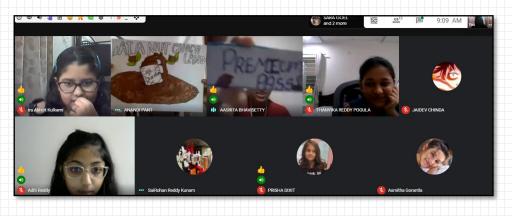
A magical power resides in words. There is power in being able to articulate, express, explain or describe using this magical potion. Our language classes progressively strive towards strengthening the charm, infusing linguistic empowerment into the Geckos.

Persuasive Techniques in English class

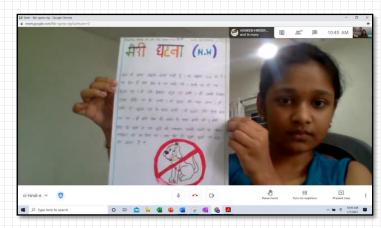














Hindi lessons on Seasons







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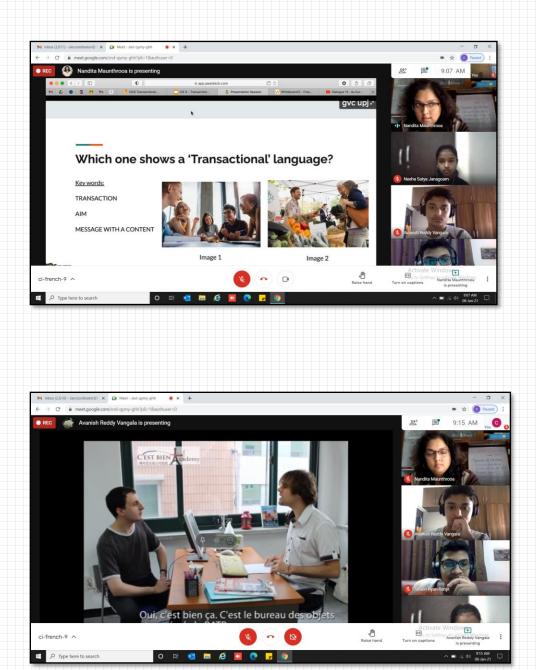
होठों पर सच्चाई रहती है, जहां दिल में सफाई रहती है। हम उस देश के वासी हैं हम उस देश के वासी हैं । जिस देश में गंगा बहती है॥ मेहमान जो हमारा होता, वह जान से प्यारा होता। ज्यादा कि नहीं लालच हमको ,थोड़े में गुजारा होता। बच्चों के लिए जो धरती माँ सदियों से सभी कुछ सहती है। हम उस देश के वासी हैं हम उस देश के वासी हैं । जिस देश में गंगा बहती है॥ कुछ लोग ज्यादा जानते हैं ,इंसान को कम पहचानते हैं। हम भारतवासी ,हर जान की कीमत जानते हैं। हम उस देश के वासी हैं हम उस देश के वासी हैं। बिस देश में गंगा बहती है॥ जिस देश में गंगा बहती है॥ जिस देश में गंगा बहती है॥ जिस से मिला सीखा हमने, गैरों को अपनाया हमने। मतलब के लिए अंधे होकर ,रोटी को नहीं पूजा हमने। अब हम तो क्या सारी दुनिया ,सारी दुनिया से कहती है। हम उस देश के वासी हैं हम उस देश के वासी हैं। हम उस देश के वासी हैं हम उस देश के वासी हैं।

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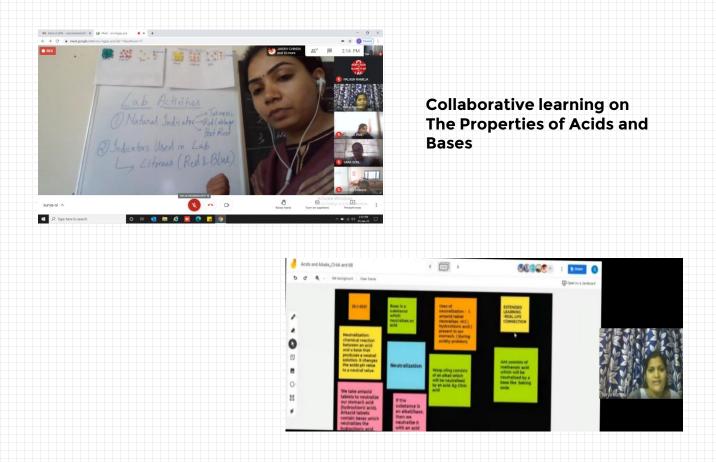






Quantum Collators

Since time immemorial the human race has chosen to wonder, and that has been the seed of science. In our science classrooms we undertake the expedition of wondering about things around us, till we reach a point where they become gateways for wonderful discoveries. Inquire, Investigate and Infer that's our mantra for success!







Quantum Collators





Show case of Experiments in Chemistry Lab

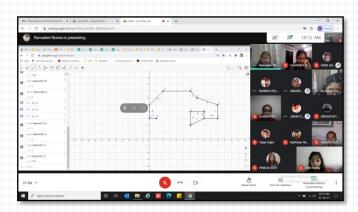




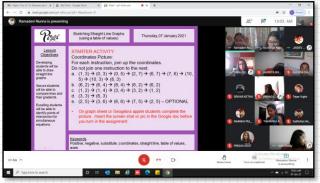


The Magic of Mathematics

In the world of numbers, we create an equation to connect the abstract to the real and the countable to the infinite. Traversing labyrinthine ways of our complicated problems we solve the mysteries of mathematics. Then the real magic happens! When numbers become our playmates, the frolic with problems reigns.



Plotting graphs using Geogebra







The Magic of Mathematics

Symmetry

The concept of symmetry is a basic and useful principle in both geometry and art. The projects given are designed to encourage middle school students to explore symmetry in the world around them in order to develop a more thorough understanding of the topic. The deeper understanding of the concepts will help them provide a foundation for more complex mathematics in high school and college.





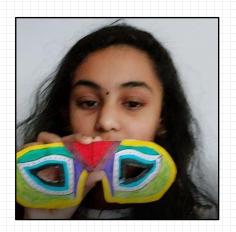




Students creativity in making 'Face Masks' using Symmetry



The Magic of Mathematics







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While making this african mask | learnt how cut shapes in a way so While making this arrican mask Liearnt now cut snapes in a way si that both are symmetrical. J also learnt the different shapes that have lines of economics. The discussion have lines of symmetry. Thank you!

I simply loved this activity! It helped me learn about symmetry in daily life, and I could see so many things with symmetry in them. I liked the way we were allowed to express our creativity to create a presentation. I think the criteria also encouraged me to go out of the box. I wish we can do things like this again, and hope we get to present our work in the class

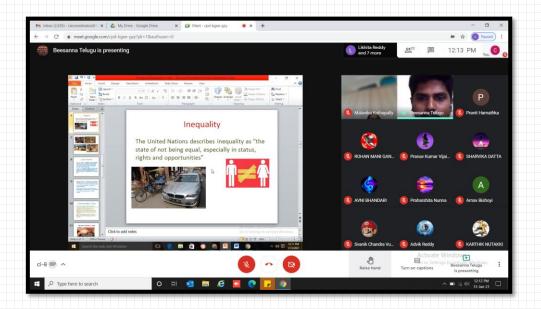
Reflection

The activity was very fun! I learned how to make a face mask and even better a symmetrical face mask! It was a nice way to make us understand symmetry and I am always into art so the activity made me interested in this topic. I really think art or other fun activities are good ways of making me understand a topic. So this activity was awesome.



The House of Humanities

Generally, humanities are defined as the branches of learning that have a cultural character. Any subject that covers, in some way, human culture, can be considered a humanity. This includes the history of art, classics, history, literature, performing arts, philosophy, theology and even anthropology.

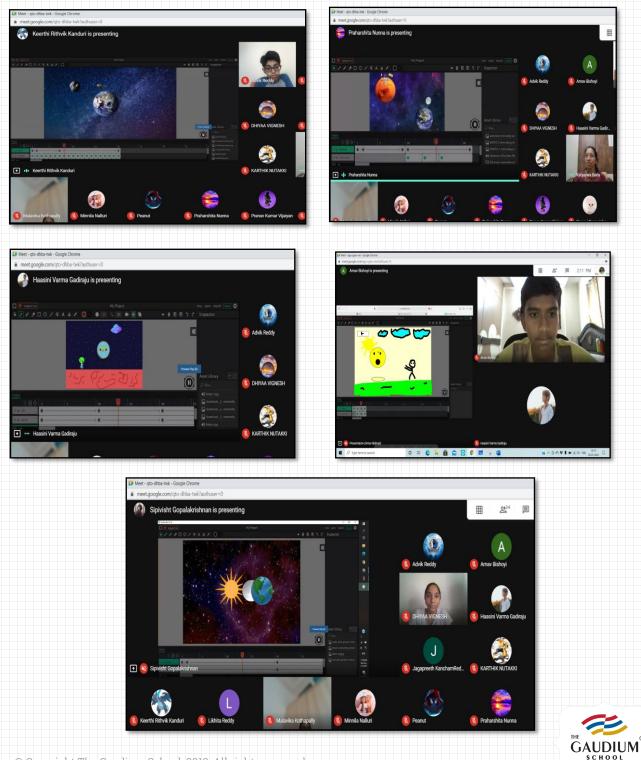


Exploring the causes and consequences of Poverty

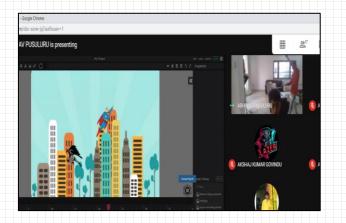




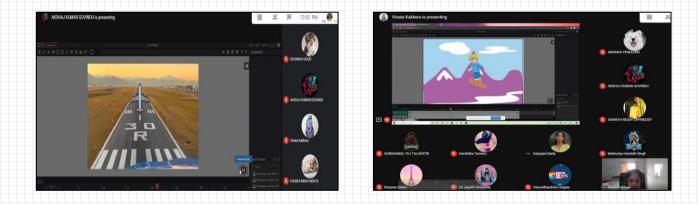
It is incredible when skills and passion come together; we are left marvelling at its outcome. Our Geckos are constantly striving to upskill themselves to become their best versions. Here's a glimpse

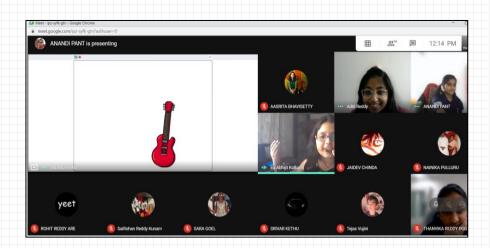


Exploring and Learning Animation











Art & Design Portfolio creation by Jerusha of Grade 9













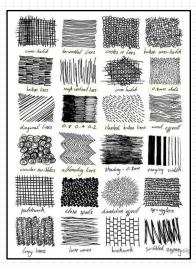












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The 5 Pillars Reflection

Holistic Development @ Gaudium

Gaudium has always been a strong pillar in looking after the Holistic development of the child, be it academics, physical, emotional and psychological well-being of children.

The academic aspect of the school, virtual classes and study lounges, are well designed and are much appreciated by parents. Teachers took a dynamic role in adapting and implementing the virtual classes with ease. The classes are very engaging, pay utmost attention to all the students and try to clarify all their doubts. Apart from regular classes, teachers always welcome the children to come to their study lounge, in case of any extra help required or for any clarification. Every month there is one assembly or counseling sessions to motivate the students, which takes care of their emotional and psychological well-being. These sessions help the students to accept the situation, be more comfortable in online classes and make them feel that they aren't alone in this race. They also have PHE and PA/VA classes every week to makes sure they are not exempted from any extracurricular activities and physical fitness. Overall, all the aspects of education are well planned and executed in the virtual platform at Gaudium.

Ms. Rama Devi Math Facilitator



Student's Reflection

My Reflection

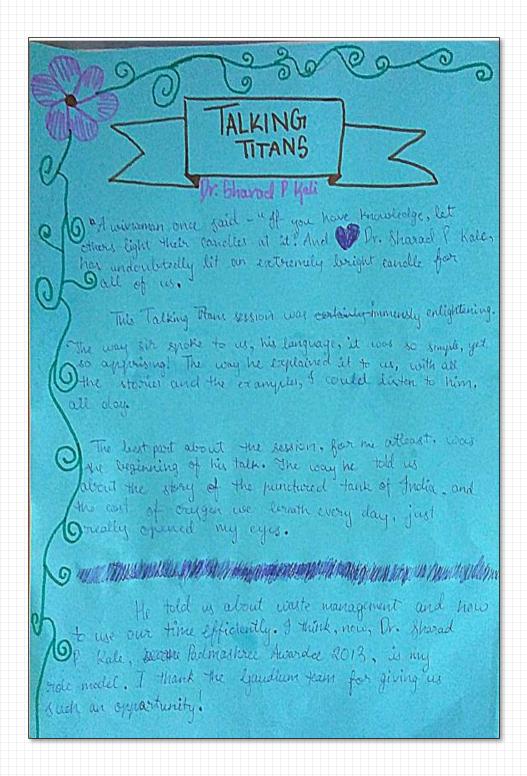
Every teenage girl will be concerned and confused about their health as they spot many physical and mental issues as they grow. We all have questions about our body and the adolescent age. Today we had a session with Dr.Bindra who is a gynecologist who gave her precious time in informing us about periods and how we could cope with them in everyday life. I learned about how people's beliefs about periods are false assumptions and are scientifically proven that these beliefs are false. She has advised us on how we could take good of ourselves during this adolescent age and at what type of situations we should consult a doctor. It was a very informative and essential session for us, students, to learn about ourselves.

Neeha Satya Grade 9

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Student's Reflection



Vaishnavi Grade 6



Teacher's Reflection

गणतंत्र दिवस

सबसे पहले मैं आपको यह बताना चाहती हूं कि गणतंत्र दिवस क्यों मनाया जाता है। दरअसल इस दिन ही हमारे देश को अपना संविधान मिला था। 26 जनवरी 1950 को सुबह 10 बजकर 18 मिनट पर भारत का संविधान लागू किया गया था। संविधान लागू होने के बाद हमारा देश भारत एक गणतंत्र देश बन गया। इस के 6 मिनट बाद 10 बजकर 24 मिनट पर राजेंद्र प्रसाद ने भारत के पहले राष्ट्रपति के रूप में शपथ ली थी। इस दिन पहली बार बतौर राष्ट्रपति डॉ राजेंद्र प्रसाद बग्गी पर बैठकर राष्ट्रपति भवन से निकले थे।

यह संविधान ही है जो भारत के सभी जाति और वर्ग के लोगों को एक दूसरे जोड़े रखता है। भारत का संविधान दुनिया का सबसे बड़ा लिखित संविधान है। 2 साल, 11 महीने और 18 दिन में यह तैयार हुआ था।

संविधान को लागू करने के लिए 26 जनवरी का दिन इसलिए चुना गया, क्योंकि 1930 में इसी दिन कांग्रेस के अधिवेशन में भारत को पूर्ण स्वराज की घोषणा की गई थी। गणतंत्र दिवस के अवसर पर राजपथ पर भव्य गणतंत्र दिवस समारोह का आयोजन होता है। राष्ट्रपति तिरंगा झंडा फहराते हैं। राष्ट्रगान और ध्वजारोहण के साथ उन्हें 21 तोपों की सलामी दी जाती है। अशोक चक्र और कीर्ति चक्र जैसे महत्वपूर्ण सम्मान दिए जाते हैं। राजपथ पर निकलने वाली झांकियों में भारत की विविधता में एकता की झलक दिखती है। परेड में भारत की तीनों सेना- नौ सेना, थल सेना और वायु सेना की टुकड़ी शामिल होती हैं और सेना की ताकत दिखती है।

आज हमारे विद्यालय गौडियम (THE GAUDIUM SCHOOL) में भी इसी तरह पूरे उत्साह तथा उल्लास के साथ *गणतंत्र दिवस* ऑनलाइन माध्यम द्वारा(Vertual Platform) मनाया गया। हमारे मुख्य अतिथि जी ने तथा प्रधानाचार्य जी ने अपने अमूल्य शब्दों से हमारे सभी विद्यार्थियों शिक्षक गण तथा अन्य अतिथियों का उत्साहवर्धन किया। विद्यार्थियों ने अपना हुनर दिखाते हुए , नृत्य प्रस्तुति ,गान प्रस्तुति आदि कार्यक्रम प्रस्तुत किए गए। बहुत ही भव्य तरीके से कार्यक्रम की प्रस्तुति का समापन हुआ। सभी प्रस्तुति इतनी प्रेरणादायक तथा उत्साहवर्द्धक रही कि हम सभी को यह एहसास हुआ कि हम सभी को एक होकर भारत की समस्याओं को खत्म करने की कोशिश करनी चाहिए। भारत को जब तक इस समस्याओं से बाहर नहीं निकालते तब तक स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों का सपना पूरा नहीं होगा। एक होकर प्रयास करने से श्रेष्ठ और विकसित भारत का निर्माण होगा।

जय हिंद... जय भारत

निशा शर्मा

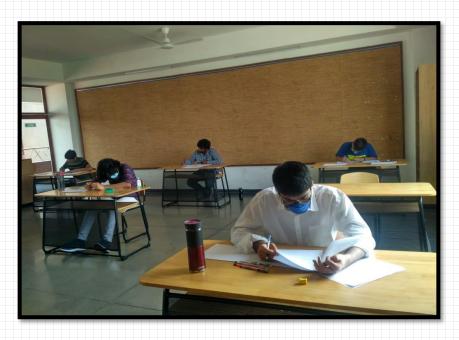
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Stakeholder Engagement Pre-Boards II on Board

Grade 10 Students writing their Pre-Boards II physically at school





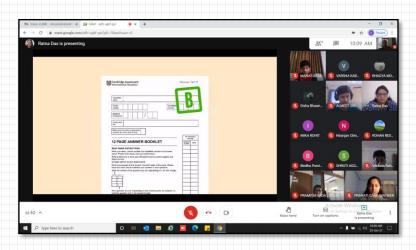




Stakeholder Engagement IGCSE Exam Orientation



Students being oriented on the IGCSE Examination guidelines & gearing them up for the upcoming March 2021 series





Stakeholder Engagement Career Guidance Session

Career Webinar by Japan University Consortium (JUC)

A career webinar was organized virtually on 23rd January 2020 by a group of five Japanese universities for the students of The Gaudium School. The session included the details from the reputed Universities of Japan, viz-Temple University, Nagoya University, NUCB University, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Ritsumeikan University. The session provided the geckos with very significant points and details on studying in Japan. From admission requirements to popular programs, fee and scholarship related details, everything was highlighted very well. The dilemma of students when it comes to studying in Japan/abroad were clarified well as they busted myths and highlighted several present offerings. The fact that these universities offer degrees in English, and many of them even have dual degree programs, where one can pursue studies for 2 years in Japan and then transfer to an associated university in another country also came to be known. The webinar was concluded with an open house round and vote of thanks.

The session was a very interesting and informative one where the high school students and parents received necessary information regarding higher studies. Thus, opening wide their choices and options to pursue in the near future. The career counselling team at The Gaudium works incessantly to help shape the future of the students and support them with necessary guidance.







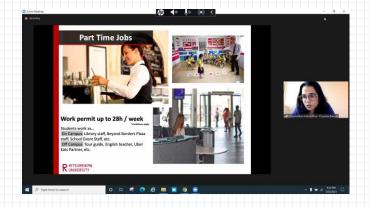
Stakeholder Engagement Career Guidance Session





Students being introduced to various Universities







Stakeholder Engagement Career Counselling Session

Career counselling is highly important as it helps identify the real potential in a student and guides to aim for the career which is the most suitable for a student. Career counselling benefits the students in understanding the career options that they have and how to pursue them. It assists them to understand their own strengths and weaknesses with regard to their present course or profession and lets them know what career they would be best suited for. It not only gives them a platform to voice their opinion about what they would like to pursue, but also gives an opportunity to discuss the obstacles that they may be worried about.

At The Gaudium, we believe these career sessions to be very beneficial. The school career counsellor Ms. Mahitha Sammeta organized a career counselling session on 27th January 2021 with Grade IX students to help them understand the importance of Academics and how to build their profile. Grade IX being the nascent stage where the young geckos start their career planning road map, this session found the participants to be very excited and eager. This session provided a detailed overview of the College applications and the admissions requirements in both India and abroad. The students were suggested to commence their preparations for the entrance examinations and were given sound guidance on how they can build their profile well even during this pandemic situation. They became aware of the various online platforms present which can sharpen up their skills through courses from Udemy, Udacity and many more. Several points regarding profile building were shared with instances of TEDx Talks, MUNs, sports and performing arts; and students understood the significance of extra-curricular activities' experience when it comes to college admissions. The students at The Gaudium have been getting exposure to several informative career webinars which have helped them in selecting the university, gain knowledge of scholarship opportunities and also have their queries answered by the university admission officers (across the globe).

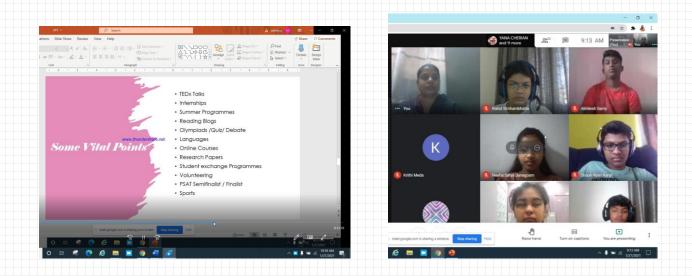
Thus, the geckos of Grade IX had quite a productive session of profile building with Ms. Mahitha Sammeta as they gained much clarity on the matter and we look forward to each of our aspiring champions emerge

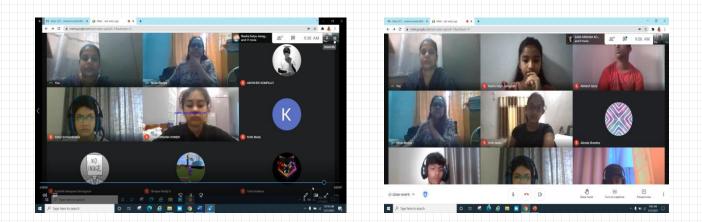
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Stakeholder Engagement Career Counselling Session

Session on the importance of College application essays



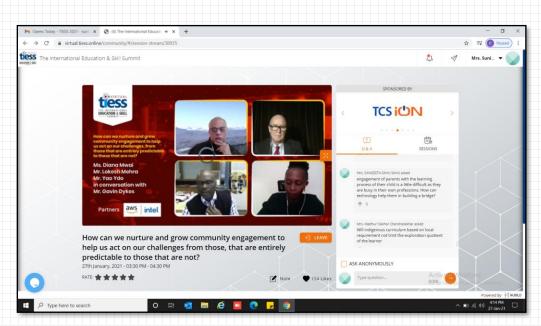


Updating students on the creation of their portfolios & resume

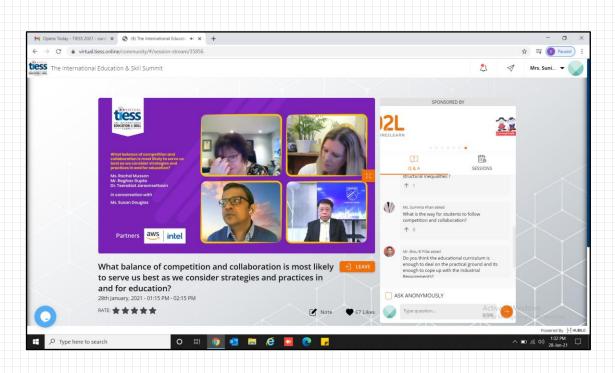


Stakeholder Engagement Professional Development Session

TIESS- The International Education and Skill Summit



Session on Community Engagement to face challenges



Session on Balancing competition & Collaboration



Stakeholder Engagement Talking Titans

Meeting Dr. Sharad P. Kale- Scientist at Bhabha Atomic Research Centre











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Stakeholder Engagement Talking Titans

TALKING TITANS Guest: Dr Sharad Phale Dr. Sharad P Kale is a scientist known for devoloping a biogas plant based on biodegradable waste resource. Important things I learned. -> People waste a lot of food everyday. they buy, not the things they don't buy like air. Impact I understood that I insult 3 people everyday. I always tell my mom I don't want to eat some vegetables that I don't libe so I am insulting my mother, former and the mother Earth. Resolution I will eat everything my mother makes.

Anandi Pant - Grade 6



Anika planting tree after the session

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Inspired by Titan!



Stakeholder Engagement Talking Titans

Meeting Dr. Vimee Bindra



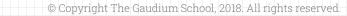
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Stakeholder Engagement Special Assembly

Sankranti- January 13th







Stakeholder Engagement Special Assembly



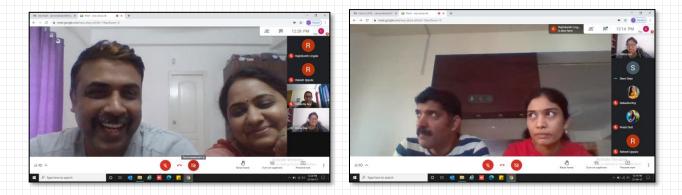




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Parents and Teachers strengthening bonds for academic improvement





Grade 10 parents being appraised of students performance in Pre-Board II

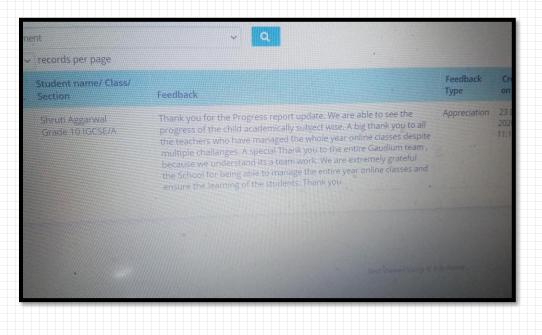




The Hall of Fame

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Coming up...next month

Date	Day	Event	Grade
Feb 3 rd	Wednesday	Talking Titans	Gr 6 to Gr 9
Feb 5 th	Friday	Session by School Counsellor	Gr 6 to Gr 9
Feb 9 th	Tuesday	Read Aloud Day	Gr 6 to Gr 9
Feb 3 rd & 5 th	Wednesday & Friday	IGCSE Board ICT Practicals	Gr 10
Feb 8 th to March 5 th	Monday to Friday	IGCSE March Series 2021 Examinations	Gr 10
Feb 20 th	Saturday	Theatre Day (Afternoon)	Gr 6 to Gr 9
Feb 20 th to March 5 th	Saturday to Friday	Term II Examinations	Gr 6 to Gr 9
March 13 th	Saturday	Con Connect Term II	Gr 6 to Gr 9



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