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Message from the Mentor

“One of the greatest threats to the peaceful co-existence of divergent human civilisations is the growing religious divide among people. It led to religious fundamentalism and is concomitant cross national terrorism all over the globe. Multiculturalism is being looked upon as one of the practical options before humanity for responding to the challenge of diverse cultural, ethnic and religious identities.”

Justice Dr. C. S. Dharmadhikari



GLOBAL INDIAN MAHATMA GANDHI CENTRE FOR UNIVERSAL VALUES

It is our ideal that the whole cosmos should become a universal family and the living and non-living denizens in it should share a relation with each other. The village is a colony where people live a life of mutual concern and mutual sharing. The familistic village will be our basic unit and it will be an abridged edition of universal family. There will be a qualitative resemblance between the village and the universe. Social status will not depend on the ownership of wealth or arms. The buyer, the extortionist will not get the thing. The rule of power, wealth and weapons will come to an end

The woman will be compatible with man in her essence and status. The fellowship of both will create an integrated human personality. Their manual difference will be mutually complimentary and enriching.

In India, the only citizenship will be Indian citizenship. The citizenship on the basis of religion, sect, language or race will be regarded as unlawful and anti-people.

- Extracts from Youth and Revolution by Acharya Dada Dharmadhikari.

THE NEWS OF THE MONTH

- Story telling by Author Mr. Michael Kusugak, My Magic "e" activity
- GIIS celebrates hundred years of Mahatma Gandhi's return to India from South Africa
- Republic Day Celebration
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Story telling by Author Mr. Michael Kusugak

On January 8th 2015, the famous Canadian Author Mr. Michael Kusugak was in GIIS, Bangalore to surprise Grade 2 Students. Michael Kusugak is a mesmerizing storyteller, who stole the heart of every student with his amazing stories. Children were amused to know that Mr. Michael had spent his childhood in igloos and sod huts. He weaved his stories with life's practical experiences. A live story telling session filled with giggling and laughter passed very smoothly.



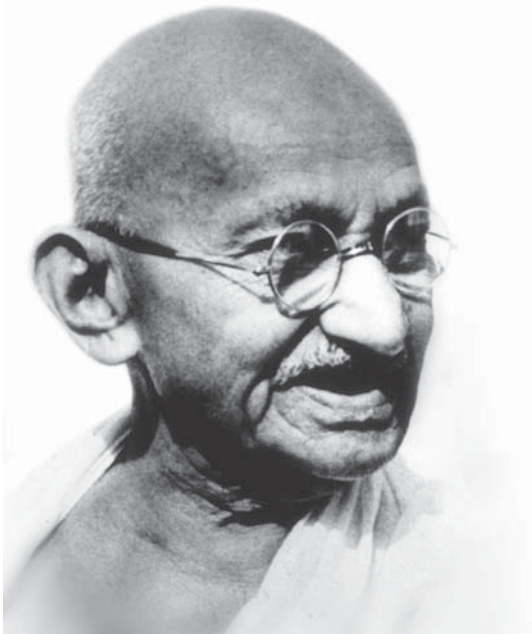
My Magic "e" activity

The children of KGII B were excited to do the magic "e" activity using the Large movable alphabet box and picture cards. Students picked up a picture card and using the letters they spelt it. The next step was to make the corresponding magic "e" word and find the matching picture card. This was a reinforcement activity after their winter break



Gandhi's Talisman

GIS celebrates hundred years of Mahatma Gandhi's return to India from South Africa



"I will give you a talisman. Whenever you are in doubt or when the self becomes too much with you, apply the following test;

Recall the face of the poorest and the weakest man whom you may have seen and ask yourself if the step you contemplate is going to be of any use to him. Will he gain anything by it? Will it restore him to a control over his own life and destiny? In other words, will it lead to Swaraj for the hungry and spiritually starving millions?

Then you will find your doubts and yourself melting away."

- M. K. Gandhi

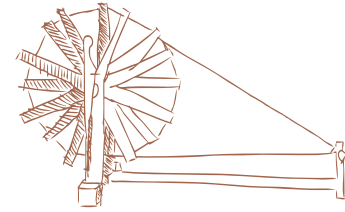
After returning from South Africa, Gandhi established Satyagraha Ashram in Ahmedabad to serve the country with universal welfare from his own place. The message is 'Serving your own people is serving the whole Universe'. Gandhi spent almost 21 years in South Africa struggling on behalf of the people of Indian origin, completely identifying with them and their problems. But Gandhi finally decided to return to India in 1915. The message from his return is 'never forget your roots'. Despite his live contact with India and its problems Gandhi took the advice of Gokhale seriously after returning from South Africa. He went around the country to understand and identify the prevailing problems.

To commemorate the 100th year of Mahatma Gandhi's return to India, a special Assembly was conducted by the students. The members of the Student Council along with the Principal and the Pre-primary Coordinator flagged off the occasion by garlanding the statue. The Principal addressed the gathering by delivering a short speech on Mahatma Gandhiji's contributions in changing the course of the future of India. This was followed by a short talk by Ms. Shilpa Awasthi. An article was read by Disha of Class V on Gandhiji's contributions towards freedom movement. Melodious bhajans were sung to show respect to the great leader. The assembly concluded with the National Anthem.



Commemorating Martyrs Day

30th January 2015:



Martyrs' Day is observed on 30th January to commemorate the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi- The Father of the Nation. The day is observed in the memory of those who have given their lives to India's Freedom movement. Martyrs' Day is also a day to salute the martyrdom of soldiers who lost their lives defending the sovereignty of the nation. Every year, Martyr's Day is honoured at GIIS to instil in the students pride and honour for the nation. Every campus observed silence and organised a special assembly by the students to mark the occasion. Their efforts and dedication would go a long way in shaping their character and future.

Bangalore Campus

At GIIS Bangalore, the assembly commenced with inspiring words from the Principal, Mr. Ganesh Shrama, followed by an insightful speech by Arudhra and Laavya, students of GIIS Bangalore. Vasu and Rishabh, 2 other students read a few notes written in Mahatma Gandhi's handwriting. Quotes by Dada Dharmadhikari, a close associate of Gandhi, were read out by Nishita and Dr. Justice C S Dharmadhikari's messages were read out by Anushka.

The theme of discussion was -duty and moral obligation of every citizen is to preserve, protect and enrich the hard-earned freedom and to promote a sense of national integration and commitment to common goals and ideals. A silent tribute was offered to the Mahatma and other Martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the struggle for India's freedom.



These are the Seven Social Sins as per Mahatma Gandhi :

- Politics without principle • Wealth without work • Commerce without morality • Pleasure without conscience
- Knowledge without character • Science without humility • Worship without sacrifice.

66th Republic Day Celebration

The students of pre-primary section participated in the special assembly to showcase Republic Day with great enthusiasm. It began with the prayer recited by Ila Rajiv Nair. This was followed by two patriotic songs 'Sare Jahan Se Achcha' and 'Hum Hindustani'. The songs were so mesmerizing and captivating that the parents joined in and were invited to come forward and sing along with the students. The assembly concluded with a superb dance performance choreographed to the tune of the song 'Jai Ho'. The assembly infused patriotic feelings in the students and helped them to understand why Republic Day is celebrated. Mr. Ganesh Sharma, Principal gave away the Star of the Week awards.



GIIS Inter-school Fest

Knowledge imparted through positive competition yields better results and nurtures growth. Inter-school competitions are necessary to inculcate a sense of responsibility, boost the morale and confidence of children and finally encourage team spirit. GIIS conducted its first Inter-school fest on January 23, 2015. It was indeed a delight to see the enthusiastic students from several prestigious schools like the Silver Oaks and Deen's Academy participate in events like Adbag, Group song, Digital painting and photography.

The judgement was given by our esteemed judges, Ms. Shweta - Model and Actor and Mr. Sanjeev Dubey- Founder of Chotu Painter Life Club.

Vashu and Zubair of GIIS Bangalore shone brightly and acquired the first and second position respectively in Digital painting Competition and Rishabh bagged the first position in digital photography. Augmenting patriotic zeal and fervour, the participants of Silver oaks bagged the first prize in the group song competition with GIIS being a close second.

For advertising of consumer durable goods, the runners-up trophy was bagged by GIIS.

Mr. Ganesh Sharma, Principal GIIS felicitated the winners by distributing prizes in a well contested event!



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