



Message from Academics

Dear Parents

A WAY OF LIFE... JAPANESE CHILDREN SHOW THE WAY.

Some days back, a friend shared a link which led me into world of primary school students in a Japanese school, handling a daily routine with great meticulousness.



The scene is lunch time in the class room. The little hands quickly spread their napkins on the table. There are two cups that come out too along with the napkin. One is a holder for a small tube of toothpaste and a toothbrush. The other one is a drinking cup. A tray with cutlery, a milk tetrapack and food on a plate are all given out by the lunch time monitors. The children collect the same and proceed to finish their meal. After the repast, the trays are collected back in trolleys parked outside the class room.

The trolleys are now wheeled away to another area. There are sinks here where children deposit the tetrapacks and the plates and cutlery separately in the allotted sinks. Children on duty are opening the tetrapacks and washing them of all traces of milk and neatly stacking them in cartons.

While plates and cutlery are reusable and find their place on the racks, the cartons with stacks of cleaned out tetrapacks are sent directly for recycling.

Go Green or Clean and Green is not just a slogan but a way of life to be adopted.

Well, what happened to the toothpaste and brush? Well I saw children cleaning their teeth and after having done with it returning to their desks and packing up their napkins etc. preparing for another lesson.

I was amazed at the way each child conducted himself/herself with regards to creating and maintaining a clean and eco friendly environment.

When you saw the little ones at work, post their lunch time and as if on cue, it unfolded as an orchestrated rendition of the highest code of discipline and solemn consciousness about their aim. We follow so many models from around our world as best practices so why not this one?

Something to ponder on... isn't it ?

Ms. Nandita Dasgupta, Principal, Noida

THE NEWS OF THE MONTH

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Dance for the soul; World Dance Day celebrations at GIIS Noida

Dance is a form of expression, a way of speaking one's mind through music. As the soul connects through dance in an instant, the importance of various dance forms over the world is overwhelming. It not only gives you an opportunity to express your thoughts and feelings, but also keeps you physically fit and sound for life.

India is a country whose rich dance heritage has inspired many international dance forms since many years. In 1982, 29th April was declared as World Dance Day by the International Dance Committee of UNESCO to increase awareness about the importance of dance among general public. And to persuade governments all over the world to include dance (and allocate a proper place) in all systems of education across all countries.

Also known as International Dance Day, World Dance Day was celebrated at Global Indian International School (GIIS), Noida with much anticipation and zeal. Students of grades 3, 4, and 5 conducted a special assembly to bring forth the importance of dance in our lives. After remembering the Almighty through prayer "There shall be showers of blessings", girls from Grade 3, 4, and 5 performed Vandana in the praise of Lord Ganesh; who is the Lord of Beginnings, a patron of art and science, and Deva of intellect and wisdom.

Continuing with the colourful and musical celebrations, group of students discussed the reasons behind celebrating the day. Important elements of dance such as Nirtta, Nirtya, Natya, Abhinaya, Rasa and Mudras were also pondered upon in a special ppt presented by students on stage.

Students from the Dance club of GIIS Noida, paid a special tribute to the rich dance heritage of the country by performing a Kathak Jugalbandi in Teentaal on stage. Adding to the whole charismatic aura of the celebrations, Bani Kaur and Vamika Pawah from grade 3 shared views by famous dance personalities from the Golden Era of Dance.



With the hope of making Mother Earth a greener planet, GIIS Noida observes Earth Day

“Earth provides enough to satisfy man’s needs, but not every man’s greed” – Mahatma Gandhi

2017 is a vital year in the history of acts laid in favour of protecting our planet. This Earth Day i.e. 22nd April, 2017 marked the first anniversary of signing of the Paris agreement, which focuses on combating climate changes and adapting to its effects all over the world. The idea behind signing this agreement was to handle and respond to the changing climatic threats posed to humanity, and strengthen the ability of countries to deal with the impact of climate change.

In order to support the biggest Environment movement of all times, GIIS Noida celebrated the 47th World Earth Day in a special assembly with absolute excitement and enthusiasm. The celebrations for the day kicked off with the Morning Prayer followed by the thought of day quoting Ms. Margaret Mead’s words that emphasized on the need of change irrespective of the age of an individual.

Moving ahead, a power point presentation highlighting the growing problems of air, water, and soil pollution was presented by Grade 6 students. The whole motive behind discussing the problems was to instil a sense of responsibility among students and bring a change which motivates them to plant trees, keep their surrounds clean and perform services that are in benefit to the Mother Earth.

Inspiring the crowd, the school choir instilled a plethora of emotions with their thematic song “Every Day is Earth Day”. The lyrics of the song were something to ponder on, leaving every mind thinking and heart throbbing:

Think about the deep blue seas,

Think about the plants and trees

Think about the things you see every day

Think about the way you live

Think about the things you give

What if every day was Earth Day? Hey!!

Every day is Earth Day!

Wherever we roam, Our Earth is our home

We at GIIS Noida, are dedicated to make education serve as an essential tool that not only educate children to become responsible environmentalists but climate literate citizens, but also motivates them to take corrective/preventive measures at personal levels to bring about the required change.



Saluting the spirit of non-violence; GIIIS Noida celebrates 100 years of Champaran Satyagrah

Commemorating completion of 100 years of Champaran Satyagrah in a special assembly at Global Indian International School (GIIS), Noida, Grade 8 students of the campus paid a heartfelt tribute to the efforts of Mahatma Gandhi, which freed farmers from debasing laws of the Britishers.

Beginning with the celebrations for such a historic event in India's history, significance and the reason behind celebrating the day with so much pride and honour was shared by the students. Antara, Aman, and Saksham from 8th grade presented a detailed power point presentation, which was followed by a beautiful song sung by the school choir to exhibit the spirit and determination of Indigo farmers during their fight against the Britishers.

Concluding the celebrations, a video clip from the movie Gandhi was shown to students to portray the charisma of Gandhiji with which he fought against evil without violence. He was a man who shook biggest of rulers with his simple living and three mottoes of life i.e. truth, non-violence, and determination. The objective behind conducting this special assembly was to highlight the efforts Gandhiji had put to resolve the miseries of landless peasants, small cultivators, women, etc. of Champaran District. The intent was to make students understand the struggle Gandhiji went through while fighting for peasants during 1917.

As a part of the Mahatma Gandhi Centre of Universal Values (MGCUV), our students across globe are educated on principals and teachings laid by Mahatma Gandhi. Inculcating strong virtues, values and moral ethics in our students, the MGCUV centre educates the youth about non-violence ways that are more relevant in the world today.



GIIS Noida celebrates World Heritage Day

India is one country which is honoured for its rich cultural heritage and art forms all over the world. Many famous personalities have acknowledged India's role in preserving its heritage with exceptional efforts and emotions. Mark Twain, a famous American writer said:

- “India is the cradle of Human race • The birthplace of speech • The mother of history • The grandmother of legends, and
• The great grandmother of traditions • Our most valuable and constructive materials in the history of man is treasured up in India only.”**

Paying a humble tribute to the rich cultural heritage of our country, World Heritage Day was celebrated with much anticipation at Global Indian International School (GIIS), Noida. Starting the special assembly with customary Morning Prayer, important facts and reasons about celebrating the day every year on 18TH April were shared with students. Highlighting the dire need of preserving our heritage, required steps towards conserving India's heritage were also shared.

Since every year a different genre is chosen by UNESCO as the World Heritage Day theme, “Sustainable Tourism” was declared as the theme for this year's celebrations. Grade 5 students presented a ppt which talked about eco-friendly tourists, and how one should become a responsible tourist while traveling the world/country.

Students from Grade VII- A staged an exceptional short play with an aim to create awareness about conserving our “Building Heritage.” After the delightful commemoration that included sharing of thoughts and poems, Heritage day celebrations came to an end with an oath taking ceremony. Everyone present took an oath to protect the legacy of our rich heritage intact, and make every possible effort to protect, promote and preserve all kinds of national heritage.

Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Manisha Bhagee - Academic Co-ordinator, Primary Wing, encouraged students to live and promote Indian Heritage as it's a symbol of pride and uniqueness for every citizen of the country.

“Our Heritage and ideals - the things which we live by and teach our children are preserved or diminished by how freely we exchange ideas and feelings”



Remembering Babasaheb and his teachings; Baisakhi celebrations at GIIIS Noida

Also known as Babasaheb, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was India's first law minister to head the Indian Constitution Drafting Committee in 1947. Celebrating his 126th birth anniversary, Grade 5 students of Global Indian International School (GIIS), Noida hosted a special assembly to commemorate his contributions and teachings. Beginning with a brief introduction about his personality and work done. Moving further, an elaborate power point presentation was presented by students which emphasised on need of eradicating the social evils our country is burned with. Discrimination, sex determination, dowry, racism, etc. are few such issues our country is still not over with. People still believe in the old customs which must be vanished to make our country secular and progressive.

Baishaki – a festival celebrated by farmers of the north India as a spring harvest festival was also celebrated by the students during the special assembly conducted. A beautiful song was sung by the school choir depicting the same enthusiasm north Indian farmers feel while harvesting their crops. Some interesting facts and reasons behind celebrating the festival were also shared with the students to make them understand how different parts of the same country celebrate different festivals with absolute fervour and excitement.

The objective behind conducting such special assemblies at GIIS Noida is to enrich our students which knowledge about various cultural aspects of the country, and to have a thorough understanding of the great work done by our great freedom fighters.

Concluding the assembly, national anthem was sung by each one present with utmost pride and emotion.



Saluting Labour; GIIS Noida observes May Day

"All labour that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence"

– Martin Luther King Junior

With due solemnity, students and staff of Global Indian International School (GIIS), Noida observed Labour Day in a special assembly conducted to tribute all the labourers of the world.

Beginning the special tribute with morning prayer, students from Darohar Club of the school highlighted values with which labour must be treated in our country and throughout the world. They emphasised on the theme "Dignity of Labour" with an aim of recognizing efforts of the people who work for our welfare and provide us with their valuable services. Through a power point presentation, students of grade 5 discussed important facts about the day and significance behind its celebrations.

The Haymarket Massacre that happened in Chicago on 4th May, 1886 was the prime highlight of the special assembly conducted. Children were enlightened in brief about the whole scenario that happened as a consequence of a peaceful rally carried out in support of reducing the work hours, and in reaction to killing of innocent labourers by the police a day before the parade i.e. 3rd May, 1886.

Lauding the ceaseless efforts by the work force of the nation especially at the school, special assembly came to an end with a strong message by Ms. Manisha Bhagee – Academic Coordinator, GIIS Noida. She emphasized and motivated everyone to respect the labour and assure a dignified life for all, irrespective of the kind of work anyone does. She also suggested to acknowledge helping hands around us, for they make our life simpler.



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