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## Message from Principal

Dear Parents,

**Greetings!**

As we strongly believe that every child has inherent potential. One of the most important components of a good school is the partnership between the school and parents who work together for the best interest of children. The close partnership between home and school is one of the unique strengths at GIIS Bangalore.



As we started new academic year, we find teachers including some of new teachers and admin members establishing school standards and rules. In the most successful classrooms, teachers have established specific routines for the children to follow. We expect high standards in all that we do at GIIS Bangalore.

Our pursuit of the connected curriculum, the release of both student and staff creativity in learning and the exposure to real life learning situations continues to set the school as future focused. Our delivery of the core curriculum including holistic approach (GMP & 9Gems) has brought a significant level of improved focus and capability within the school.

Participation in SEP (Student Exchange Program) was a grant success in terms of learning environment, matching education systems to network and to gain international outlook. Apart from cultural exchange, all our students had very enriching sessions in cooking classes, Dynamics and robotics programming, sports, science projects, wood work and visiting all important places in Stockholm.

We found SEP an extremely enriching and rewarding experience. It is more than just an academic venture, because it encompasses so many lessons about life itself.

I am delighted to share with you that school has conducted many activities and events like Hygiene and cleanliness week, healthy food week, family science Day, Investiture Ceremony, Messy day, Recycling Activity and World Environment Day.

In order to achieve academic excellence, I appreciate our parent community including PSG for supporting the school in every aspect. I would like to appreciate all the teaching and non-teaching staff members for the commendable work done in the new academic session.

The School Management has always taken keen interest, providing qualitative infrastructure, encouragement and unflinching support in growing and marching ahead in all avenues of the school's functioning.

With warm regards,  
Ganesh Sharma, Principal

## THE NEWS OF THE MONTH

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### ASSEMBLY OF GRADE 6A

Harmony is a beautiful balance between mind, body and soul measured in tender peaceful moments.”

The students of grade 6A conducted an assembly on the theme “HARMONY” on October 8th 2015.

The assembly started with school prayer and pledge followed by an enlightening thought for the day presented by Arut. News updates were shared by Sriavathsan and his team of reporters.

MGCUV value and theme of assembly were presented in the form of a skit and a serene dance performance ,which were a perfect synonym of harmony. Jhankar Bharatnatyam club presented a spectacular Bharatnatyam performance . The assembly was concluded by Principal's message and national anthem.



### Author talk

It was an absolute delight for students to meet one of Australia's most versatile and prolific authors, editors and critics, the most captivating and inspiring speaker, Ken Spillman. Mr Spillman exhilarated Jake's series enlivening the characters and inspiring children to imagine, read and even write. He motivated students to exercise their imagination by reading books. Mr Spillman affirmed that imagination has the ability to generate new ideas and to enhance creativity. It was an interactive session wherein the renowned author answered the queries of the rapt listeners with utmost endurance.



## National Cyber Olympiad

Science Olympiad Foundation has been striving for over a decade to promote scientific attitude through innovative activities and use of IT in learning process in school students across the country. In the present times when the world is totally pivoted on science and IT, it is pertinent to think and plan about the future - a future in which the children of the present shall be the leaders of tomorrow. Regular qualitative and quantitative assessment needs to be done at the national level in order to build up the scientific and IT talent pool. Joining hands to the same beat, National Cyber Olympiad was held on October 8th 2015.

The students were very enthusiastic and motivated. Looking forward to adding more feathers in the cap and repeating the glorious records from past.



## KG1 A Special Assembly

The students of KG1 A presented the topic 'Seasons' during the special assembly on October 9th. The assembly began with the prayer by Atharv Mishra. This was followed by a slideshow presentation where the students spoke a few lines about each season. A dance followed beautifully choreographed to the tune of 'The Seasons' song by Ms. Thanushri. Parents enjoyed the assembly presented with confidence by the young students of KG1 A. The Star of the Week awards were given away by the coordinator Ms. Preetha D'Mello. The assembly concluded with the vote of thanks by class teacher Ms. Namita Arora and the National Anthem.



## Pre-Primary Grandparents Day

When God created Grandparents, the world was truly blessed with all the special joys that make a family happiest. For grandparents know how to do the little things that warm our heart.... They touch our lives with love and care right from the very start....They show that they believe in us and all we're dreaming of....When god created grandparents, he blessed our lives with love....

Grandparents are a delightful blend of laughter, caring deeds, wonderful stories and love. Grandparents are the footsteps to the future generation. Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers, and the keepers of traditions that linger on in cherished memory.

30th September 2015 was a special and a pleasant day in GII's calendar as we celebrated Grandparents Day. It was fantastic to have such a good turnout. The programme commenced at 9:30 am. Tiny tots sprinkled rose water on their dear Grandparents and also gifted them a single rose bouquet.

The programme started with our school Prayer by Mayur which was followed by a song "Hum Ko Mann Ki Sakti Dena" by KG2 kids. Principal, Mr. Ganesh Sharma spoke about the importance and role of Grandparents in today's society. Grandchildren had a special video message for their grandparents. Grandparents were extremely delighted to watch the video. Ms. Preetha D'Mello, Pre-Primary Coordinator spoke on the occasion and thanked the grandparents for their presence and support.

The grandparents along with their grandchildren went to the respective classrooms where some fun activities were lined up for them and they had an opportunity to spend some more time with their grandchild to make sweet memories. Nursery had planned "Blindfold Game" – the grandchild was blindfolded and he/she had to identify their grandparent and they also made greeting cards. KG1 had blindfold game wherein here the grandparent was blindfolded and they had to guess their grandchild. KG2 played a game of musical chairs.

"Life is not measured by the breaths that we take, but by the moments that take our breath away". The day came to an end and each and every grandparent congratulated the teachers as they carried beautiful memories, smiles and laughter with them.



## Gandhi Jayanti Celebration

Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti is observed every year as a national holiday to venerate the birth of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. His Non-Violence or Satyagraha continues to influence political leaders and movements till date. The celebration and essence of Gandhi Jayanti is not restricted within India and also observed by the United Nations as the International Day of Non-Violence that aims to disseminate his philosophy, principles and belief in Non-Violence through proper education and public awareness.

Keeping the above essence of the day in mind, we at GII Bangalore commemorated the birth of Mahatma Gandhi on 1st Oct'15, by opening the day with a special assembly stressing the significance of the day. The programme started by honouring our Bapuji with flowers and Deepaanjali followed by the Principal's message on the principles of Mahatma Gandhiji and he stressed on imbibing those principles into our personal life.

On this auspicious occasion, an inspirational speech was given by students of grade IIC. It was followed by a wonderful power point presentation entitled "Amazing facts About Mahatma Gandhi." The students sang Gandhiji's favourite bhajans – Vaishnav Jan to tene Kahiya' and 'Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram'. The melodious rendition had the audience spell bound. The students read out Gandhi's quotes from the placards made by them. The highlight of the assembly was a mesmerizing skit glorifying Gandhiji and how he heralded a new era for our country and it ended with the Gandhiji's last words "HEY RAM" resonating in the air.

Going a step forward in helping the children understand all about the freedom struggle and the role of Mahatma Gandhi in helping us win our independence non-violently, the children were shown the video on Gandhi about - The Dandi March, The Swadeshi Movement, wearing homespun cotton clothes and how he stressed on leading a simple but noble life.

Thus the children of GII Bangalore were given a deep insight into the life and times of Mahatma Gandhi and encouraged to think about the sacrifice of our freedom fighters, analyze the importance and understand the value of freedom, through the day's activities.



## Primary Grandparents Day at GIIS Bangalore

A person rightly said, "What children need most are the essentials that grandparents provide in abundance. They give unconditional love, kindness, patience, humour, comfort, lessons in life and most importantly- cookies."

Various days are observed for different persons or occasions, but perhaps not much value is given to 'Grandparents Day'. However, it is an important day because as we go about our daily chores and duties, we absentmindedly undermine the importance of their presence in our lives.

GIIS, Bangalore celebrated 'Grandparents Day' on September 30th. The program commenced at 11:00 a.m., wherein the grandparents were ushered to the AV room by Ms Richa. The program started by invoking God's blessings followed by an introduction to the program by Ms. Aman. Our Principal, Mr. Ganesh Sharma gave a welcome address to the congregation and this was followed by a welcome song sung by the students of Grade 4 to 7 who were trained by Ms. Sangeeta. Then, Vashu of grade 7 and Navya of Grade 2 recited two poems respectively.

The time had now come to immerse the gathering in the line-up of events by view of their active participation in the activities. The grandparents were asked to come on stage and share some special memories or times they had shared with their grandchildren. Many grandparents actively volunteered to share experiences while some even showcased their talent by singing.

Two games were played with the audience. One was 'Hide and Seek' wherein the grandparent-grandchild duo had to go around the room searching for hidden coloured balls and pocket sized bean bags. The other was called 'Identifying the Object'. Here a total number of eight items were displayed on stage and the grandchild was blindfolded and by way of direction from the grandparent, the child had to identify a certain object. Both games were highly appreciated as there were a lot of volunteers who eagerly participated in them.

As all good things come to an end, in the same way, the program had to come to an end. Ms. Aracha gave the vote of thanks and this was followed by gifting each grandparent with a sapling. Mr. Glany efficiently handled the photography and many candid moments were caught on camera. On the completion of the program, the grandparents along with their grandchildren went to the respective classrooms wherein some more activities were lined up for them.



## Learning by Doing

Innovation in learning continues to be our endeavour at GIIS Bangalore. During the months of August and September Pre-Primary teachers continued their quest for activities to ensure learning by doing. The activities aimed at reinforcing concepts which have already been learnt.

Nursery students matched food items of various shapes including cheese, tomatoes, biscuits, capsicum, egg and many more with two dimensional shapes on a board. Children were eager to take part and were able to match all the items perfectly. Yet another interesting activity involved a fruit and vegetable market. Kids carried a slip with a picture and number and collected the corresponding fruit or vegetable in their baskets. They paid with duplicated rupee notes where once again they had to identify the numeral on the note and make the payment.

The students of KG2 did an interesting activity which involved making handmade paper from old newspapers, petals, leaves, and a dash of paint. The newspapers were blended to a pulp with water in a mixer and the pulp was then spread onto a fine mesh to remove the excess water. The decorative materials were added and the paper was dried in the sun and then pressed using a hot iron. The children loved the activities very much and were able to assimilate the entire process from start to finish. Practical and life skills are essential to personality development and confidence building. The use of fine and gross motor skills in the activities help in accelerated and wholesome growth of the child.



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