



The Goenkan **CONNECT** Newsletter



Passion, purpose and potential find a new direction as the iconic Goenkan Update returns in a brand new form. Proud to chronicle a new generation of learners as they spread their wings, expand their horizon towards empathy, change and empowerment. Let us celebrate these trendsetters as they face life with elan and finesse.

Update



April 2021 was observed as English month in GD Goenka Public School, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. A plethora of interesting and interactive activities were organised by English Deptt. **Spell Bee, Creative Writing, Vocabulary Games, Doodling, Goofy Grammar, Poetry Recitation and Extemporaneous Speaking kept the classes 3 to 12 engaged throughout the month.** A riveting performance by the senior students showcased the unparalleled contribution of William Shakespeare to the world of theatre in the Special Assembly on Shakespeare, premiered online.

On the various social platforms of the school, English Deptt kept everyone entertained by providing joyful learning through informative and enriching posts.

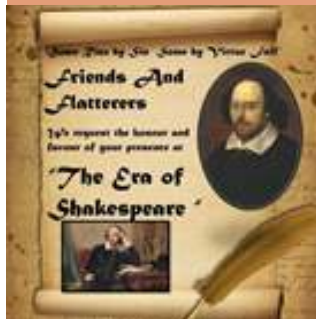


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The 'Era of Shakespeare' was recreated by the children as they took us to his place of birth, talked about his early life, his interest in theatre, and the source of his ideas for wonderful plots. The show included a PowerPoint presentation on Macbeth and the Role of the Supernatural in Shakespeare's plays, Mark Antony's historic speech from Julius Caesar at his funeral as also a short presentation of his famous quotes and aphorisms.

A befitting end to the assembly was the enthralling presentation of the 'court scene' of Shakespeare's classic play "The Merchant of Venice" portraying Portia disguised as Dr Balthazar, outwitting Shylock at his own game.

The credit for the grand success of the assembly goes to the immensely talented children of our school who brought the spirit of Shakespeare alive on the stage and took us back to the Elizabethan era!



A Special Assembly was premiered on the occasion of **Earth Day**, which was conducted by the **Nature Club team of GD Goenka Public School, Vasant Kunj.**

It started with morning prayer, news and a thought of the day. A Pledge was taken on Earth Day to protect the earth from pollution and abuse. The Nature Club team expressed their views to prioritize earth protection.

Assembly also had a beautifully recited self composed poem followed by a mellifluous singing. A balletic and graceful dance, added the finishing touch in emphasizing the importance of afforestation, planting of trees and the need for everyone to put together their efforts and get into action, in protecting our environment.

Social connect with Empathy and effect Mitigating Covid Crisis

Teens for Sewa

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others," said Mahatma Gandhi.

The students of GD Goenka Public School, Vasant Kunj, are participating in an online project being conducted by Sewa Bharti, namely Teens for Sewa, teaching many subjects to the underprivileged children as also the children of the frontline workers, through regular telephonic conversations, Zoom/Google meets and WhatsApp video calls. The Goenkan leaders prepare google sheets, documents and google forms for this purpose.

Led by *Shreevats Pandey of XIIB, Sparsh Jain of XIC, Mahek Arora of XE and Kamya Kohli of XC*, about 35 students from classes 10, 11 and 12 are currently taking part in this Online Basti Exchange Programme, strengthening the mentoring through motivational talks on important issues.



GD Goenka Public School, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi stays at the forefront when it comes to philanthropic service for the society. In an exemplary move, it has turned thirty classrooms in its junior block into a Covid Care Centre with oxygen facility.

GD Goenka Group MD, Nipun Goenka, a good Samaritan always ready to champion a cause, has ensured an oxygen ambulance is also readily available at all hours.

Update



Blood Donation Camp

GD Goenka Junior School, Vasant Kunj
on 28 May, 2021



ARTGYAN Summer Camp



Let's take a look at our budding artists, enhancing their skills during the online Summer School organised by GD Goenka University in association with artGYAN. Our school GD Goenka collaborated with ARTGYAN for summer camp and I Siah Arora of class 6-C have learnt the basics of guitar from artGYAN and it was too much fun learning it. Our sir was highly experienced and it was an honour learning from him. The lessons help me be disciplined and learn precision. My dad always wanted to learn guitar but because of busy schedule he was not able to. But now I teach him in his free time.

Beating the Covid Blues!



Reading books aloud to children stimulates imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It fosters resilience and develops their creativity. Reading enhances language and listening skills thereby prepares the little ones to the written word. Our talented Junior Goenkans made cute Bookmarks to showcase their love for books.



Readers today, Leaders tomorrow
To introduce the Junior Goenkans to the wonderful world of books and to inculcate in them the good habit of reading, a **'Read aloud' session was conducted in the virtual class.**



GD Goenka's Middle Wing teachers know how to let loose! Due to the sudden outbreak of Covid pandemic, the transmission of education took the online route. Amidst the packed calendar of teaching and their own learning schedule, these educators found a way to make it worth their while. Fantastic Fridaze Fun was "The" event that was organised for all, and was filled with fun games, songs and laughter!



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German students of our school - Saranya Rawat (Class 6) and Aanya Malik (Class 8) were shortlisted by Goethe Institute in a two-day virtual camp (from 4th to 6th June 2021) on the theme – Kinderuni. The camp offered workshops on very interesting topics like- Fun, Games and Math, Hands-On-Science, Tinkering Fun with Nature, How do wounds heal and My Little World Tour. Both Saranya and Aanya expressed their excitement on learning new concepts in Science and Math using German as the learning medium. They made different paper toys and learnt the science behind it. Math sessions offered numerous brain teasers, puzzles, and games. They explored interactive and latest features of Google Maps, visited different countries, watched interesting videos on their geographical condition and learnt about their recent natural disasters. It was indeed a different and unique experience, they never imagined that one day German would help them learn new concepts in Math and Science.

Congratulations

Goenkan educators and school toppers of the batch of 2021

With the blessings and the overall support of our school management and the amazing response of the parent community in such difficult times, our **Class 12 students** are at the pinnacle of success **from the 182 students, 61 have scored above 90%**. Kudos to the entire Goenkan team !!

Commerce



Sparsh Goyal
98.4%



Dhruv Khurana
97.4%



Vidhi Bihani
97.4%

Science



Aryan Agarwal
97.6%



Chirag Nagpal
97.4%



Aryan Verma
96.6%

Humanities



Vani Chandolia
98.4%



Sana R Goswami
96.8%



Ishitta Arora
95.8%



Lockdown has helped me discover a new hobby - Sketching. As I'm still a learner, I usually refer to books for new ideas. I sketch whenever I feel low. It helps me express my feelings and thoughts. **Aadhya Arora, 8-E**



Optimism in Verse

Sensitive minds often respond to difficult times through verse. Aasmi Sachdeva of Class8 pens down her wishful thoughts and words of hope to infuse the air with optimism.



Number cards activity is a great tool in Maths to learn numbers in better and effective manner. Number Card games change children's perception of learning about numbers in a positive way, help take the fear out of maths and allow them to build their number confidence without worrying about making mistakes. Our Class 3 students made these number cards in a creative way.



The numbers in Maths can be scary sometimes, but if learnt with fun and creativity they can be amazing and COOL....To make students recognise the value of a digit in a number as per it's position, the PLACE VALUE SLIDERS were made by students of Class 4 and 5 for reading & writing numbers on theme FAMILY where they depicted Date of Birth of their family members using these colourful PV Sliders

This is a presentation based on the story of FOUR FEATHERS presented by the students of class 6-A. This presentation conveys a message that at times we land up in a situation of indecisiveness, wherein we cannot decide what to do. But We must accept the challenges and not run away from them.

Celebrations of special days



Mango Day and Sharing is Caring Day

Sweet, fragrant and juicy mangoes add an abundance of flavour to beverages n meals. The junior Goenkans celebrated **Mango Day** in honour of the King of fruits ! They learnt about the different varieties of Mangoes, various mango preparations and created their own scrumptious Mango Icecream !!

The unique mango seed craft was made with much enthusiasm and joy by all. The students were sensitized to the need of "Sharing and caring". The story of the 'Giving tree' was narrated , which lays emphasis on the importance of trees and the benevolent Mother Nature - who is ever ready and always so generous to share its resources with us. The little ones were encouraged to sow a mango seed in the ground to reiterate their gratitude to the Mother Earth.



The Earth Day was celebrated in all the classes wherein students recited various poems by famous poets and also self composed poems on nature.



Nature is one of the greatest blessings for human life; however, nowadays humans fail to recognize it as one. Nature has been an inspiration for numerous poets, writers, artists etc. It has inspired them to write poems and stories in the glory of it. They truly valued nature which reflects in their works even today.



Class Assembly

7-E | 1 July 2021

Topic : Science Behind Indian Traditions & Culture

Over the years our society has seen many changes. We breaking the shackles of the past and embracing newer thinking are trying to modernise ourselves. But somewhere walking through the roads we sometimes shun our traditions, thinking these as backwards. The students of Class VII E, through their assembly, showed that Science and traditions have a strong connection. Students presented the scientific approach and benefits of many Indian traditions such as - *Joining our hands for "Namaste", wearing and welcoming by "Chandan tilak or Kum-kum", worshiping trees such as Peepal and throwing coins into the rivers etc.* Through the assembly the students were encouraged to look for scientific reasons behind our Indian culture and tradition and also to share it with the others in order to benefit the society at large.



5-B | 02.July.2021

Topic - Friends and Family

Our family and friends are the pillars of our strength and the center of our existence. We all know that but how often do we really appreciate these blessings of our life? Today the students of class 5B narrated a story during the morning assembly which made us all realise the importance of people and relationships that we most often take for granted.



Doctor's Day

The Skill to Heal, the spirit to Care

Our Junior Goenkans expressed their gratitude to the esteemed doctors and other healthcare workers as they celebrated Doctors Day on Friday, 2nd July. The little ones learnt of the invaluable contribution of these frontline warriors in this pandemic and saluted their untiring service in healing mankind. They conveyed their love and respect for the doctors artistically through beautiful drawings to commemorate and honour the day.

Smile Day - 9.July.2021

A smile is like a rainbow on a rainy day.

A smile like sunshine spreads good cheer and helps us to be positive always. This message was conveyed by the little ones as they celebrated Smile day. They made cute Smile masks and smiled happily throughout the day!



Class Assembly

Think good, Do good and smile.

Happiness is the secret to all beauty. There is no beauty without happiness. A smile is the light in your window that tells others that there is a caring, sharing person inside. Think good thoughts, do good things for others, everything comes back! If each human being starts doing good to all, the world will become a paradise! The wealth of a rich person can be stolen but the happiness and wisdom of the wise remains. On this note, the students of class VIII - B, through their assembly, showed the importance of thinking good, doing good and smiling.



Class Assembly 7-D June.24.2021

Topic - Let Healthy Food and Fitness Be Your Mantra.

As now-a-days we are all spending a lot of time indoors, we are not able to follow a healthy food and fitness regime. The students of class 7-D shared some pointers for good health-proper nutrition, pranayam and exercising every day to maintain good health.



My Father - My Superhero!

Father - is not just a word, it's an emotion. A father is the epitome of love, sacrifice, strength and commitment to his children. He holds a special place in the heart of his children, in fact he means the world to them. Our Junior Students expressed their love and gratitude to their Father as they celebrated Fathers Day. They made lovely craft as gift to honour and to present to their Father.

Academic Pursuits

German students of GD Goenka Public School, Vasant Kunj, participated in workshop TALANTE, organized by Goethe Institute from 21st to 23rd July 2021. The aim of the workshop was to make students comfortable with the language by involving them in various activities such as Painting, Music and Cooking. **Four students of 5A of our school, Prakshi Singh, Ahaan Jain, Aarav Aggarwal, Jashit Singla participated in this workshop. Jashit made his sketch using 'Sketch Box' app while Prakshi enjoyed his cooking workshop and made Apple Crabs.**

Fitness Yoga Sports Enthusiasts



Yoga transcends age and ability and it unites everyone in a general sense of well being. Yoga makes the mind and body happy and healthy. People from all walks of life can practice yoga to keep fit. The UN General Assembly, in 2014, adopted a draft resolution, declaring June 21 as International Yoga Day. 177 countries supported the resolution. As a result, there are yoga enthusiasts in every corner of the world today.

In the modern world, people are more overwhelmed and stressed out. This leads to lack of focus. Research suggests doodling can calm us, help us process information, and act as a tool for creative problem solving. Serious doodling actually creates a measurable change in your physical and neurological states. **Neev Manchanda of 7-D has brilliantly captured the essence of International Yoga Day and Music Day through the use of doodle art.**

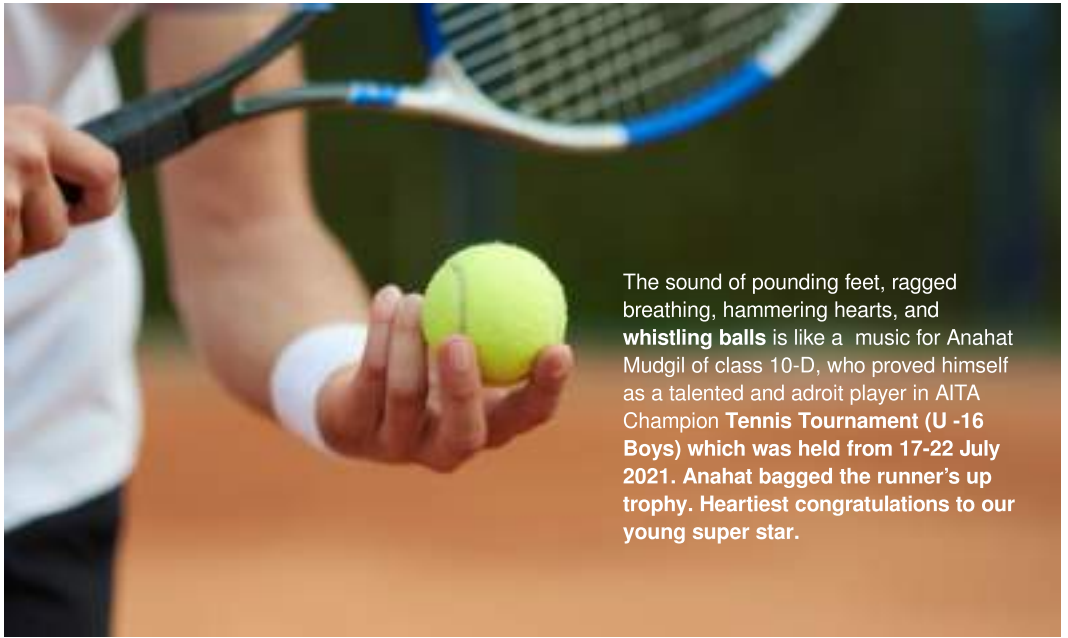


As we all know that Yoga Asanas provide a gentle stretching that acts to lubricate the joints, muscles and all other internal organs. **Let's follow the protocol and practice the asanas as directed by the Ministry of AYUSH.**

Yoga is an invaluable gift of India's great tradition of harmony with nature. Through yoga we can bring about a unity of body, mind and soul.

Yoga helps us develop physical and mental strength. It enhances flexibility, teaches discipline and help us focus better. Yoga is very beneficial to attain overall wellness and immunity.

To attain these goals the little ones were encouraged to perform various yoga asanas on International Yoga Day. The Junior Goenkans enthusiastically participated as they performed intricate asanas and learnt the manifold benefits of Yoga.



The sound of pounding feet, ragged breathing, hammering hearts, and **whistling balls** is like a music for Anahat Mudgil of class 10-D, who proved himself as a talented and adroit player in AITA Champion **Tennis Tournament (U -16 Boys)** which was held from 17-22 July 2021. Anahat bagged the runner's up trophy. Heartiest congratulations to our young super star.

Fitness Yoga Sports Enthusiasts

Rhea Kumar, **our super talented golfer made all of us proud on July 22, 2021** by winning the 2nd position in the Champion of Champions Tournament, held at Jaypee Greens, Wishtown, Noida.



Aadya Sirohi of class 9-C recently participated in Delhi Women's League Organised by: **Football Delhi (Delhi Soccer Association)** with **Garhwal FC club**. The team has entered the quarter final round.





Reboot to the Computer Wizard

Safer Internet Day

Spreading awareness about internet safety for all has become a goal essential to achieve. Safer Internet Day is a day earmarked to raise internet related safety and awareness across the country and around the world. With this aim Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET), National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi, in collaboration with Information Security Education and Awareness (ISEA), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology(MeitY), Govt. of India organised various events and competitions from 9 February through 31 March 2021. Teachers as well as students were invited to participate. Five students along with a faculty member from **GD Goenka Public School, Vasant Kunj**, participated and were awarded certificates for the same.

We are proud to announce that our Goenkan team, Mahimaye Khuswaha (12 G), Arsh Malhotra (12 E), Aanya Marwah(12 E), Janvi Verma (12 E) and Vatsal Panjwani (9 C), led by their mentor Ms. Raksha Panjwani, did exceedingly well.

Congratulations, all of you!



This is a presentation initiated by students of class VI - A inspired by the story - "Dreams never die". There will be many struggles in life that you will need to surpass. This presentation showcases an important lesson of life - that if something goes wrong don't cry over it, work harder than before and try to achieve it...As after all dreams truly never die!!

**New Beginnings - Easter
Celebrations held on April
1,2021**

The Google classroom of the Junior School sprung open their doors ,to welcome the students to their new classes for the session 2021-22.

As the Easter symbolises the - 'New Beginning' ...our 1st day of the session was marked with Easter celebrations. The students were excited to view a welcome story presented by the Headmistress. Subsequently, the students indulged in Easter related craft activities !!



Fun and frolic as The young ones explore

Riya Sabharwal of class VIII- B presented a **poem to thank our mothers** for everything that they do for us and love as unconditionally!

A word impossible to define, the one who remains in our heart all time..Her love is unconditional in many ways..She is none other than our '**Dear Mother**'. A poem on this eternal bond presented by Advaita Nair, Class 8-E

This poem is composed by Ahaana Shah and Kyrell Kochar of 8-E. The poem is a **thank you letter for the most special person in our lives, our mother.** It talks about how our mother has given up so many things just for us to be happy and satisfied and how she went through so much pain to give birth to us and how we are so thankful for it. And that she is the most important person in our lives and how precious she is to us. As and being at the top, what really matters is the contribution we make to the society to make it count.



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Our young Artist | Art , a means of self expression, allows children to freely express their emotions and use their imagination. Our little skilled artist from the Pre- Primary Wing, Nivaan Gakhar of class I-B, had participated in the **National Art Contest** and was **immensely appreciated for his brilliant creative and artistic skills.** Way to go Nivaan...



Goenkan Health Day - “Wear Mask slow the spread”

The Covid pandemic times have taught us that nothing could be more precious than one's own health ... In the wake of the World Health Day, the students performed a live experiment to infer how the hand wash keeps the germs away and maintains good hygiene. They also learnt to transform a handkerchief into a mask !! Hence, the students of the Junior schools geared up with the equipment to fight the dreaded virus !!



Goenkan Master Chefs

The Junior Goenkans were introduced to the wonders of fireless cooking. The cute little ones showcased their talent and creativity as they prepared yummy Bread Treat .. !!

Appreciated by one and all the the lil ones and their family members relished the delightful Bread Treat - Indeed a delight to behold and so delicious to eat !!



The highly awaited Olympic Games begin in Tokyo from today. The Junior Goenkans too are eagerly waiting to watch this spectacular and the biggest sporting event in the world! As the lil ones get into the sporting spirit, through creative and artistic expression they commemorated this historical moment.

Together they cheered for our athletes, who will definitely make our country proud!

All the best Team India !



Olympics Games



Genius Brains

International Mathematics Olympiad & National Science Olympiad

The stellar performance of Goenkans in International Mathematics Olympiad 2020-21 and National Science Olympiad 2020-21 has added to the pride of the school once again. **68 children have been rewarded for their outstanding abilities in Science and/or Mathematics.** Your intelligence and enthusiasm has left everyone impressed, children. Congratulations!

Creative Fruit Art

Lots of colour on your plate, Not only make your food look great, But also keeps your spirit bright, Fighting fit and mentally right. Through artistic presentations of fresh and seasonal fruits, students of Junior wing learnt that fruits are not only a storehouse of vitamins and minerals but they also boost our immunity and keep us active, fit and healthy.

Our young and talented Musician

Musical instruments, a medium of expression and outlet for creativity can greatly benefit children in enhancing their brain function, teaching them patience as well as improving eye - hand coordination. **Our young musician, Dakshesh Singh Dua of I-B from the Pre - Primary wing has diligently worked hard and climbed the ladder to the second level of learning his Keyboard instrument.** He has been awarded the promotional certificate for the same. Way to go Dakshesh !



Be the Best" poem tells us that whatever we do, we need to be the best. No job is less important and we need not be ashamed of what we are. Although we all dream of doing great deeds and being at the top, what really matters is the contribution we make to the society to make it count. **Prayansh Singh, 6-C**



Intra mural events & glory



I have been interested in the art of painting, drawing and sketching since I was 6 years old. My interest kept on growing with time and I joined art classes as well. Painting, for me, is like a medium to bring out my creativity and express myself. While I'm painting, I'm able to focus specifically on what I'm creating and let go of everything else in that moment. I believe that every canvas is a journey all its own. If you could say it in words, there would be no reason to paint! Painting is also like a language to me. I study it, I try to keep up with it and I am thrilled when I hear others speak it. I love painting because there are no rules and no boundaries to what I can create with my imagination. **Aishwarya Jain | 8-B**

It is rightly said that practicing and learning creative skills at your own pace fosters creative growth. **Gunnika Hans of class 8-E started sketching in the lockdown last year and now it has become a hobby for her.** Sketching not only makes her feel good but it also helps her in exploring her creative side.

I like **drawing, making digital sketches** because it makes your imagination turn into reality which you can save in your phone, tablet or any other gadget! It is also very entertaining during quarantine! **Ranveer Singh Bhatia, 8E**

Painting provides a relaxing, open environment where artists feel safe to explore their own creativity and encourages a more optimistic approach to life. The reward of creating visually appealing artwork that others admire gives the painter a sense of pride and happiness in the work which helps boost self-esteem and inspires people to reach new levels of skill.



Intra mural events & glory

It was a glorious moment for the school when Shambhav Jain of IX D bagged the **Gold medal in Martial Arts awarded by the Delhi Olympic Association**. Sambhav represented the Icon of Martial Arts and Fitness Academy (IMFA) in the Delhi Olympics Games held on 21 March 2021. He was also awarded the Merit Certificate. Congrats Sambhav for your stupendous feat!!



Chess helps you to concentrate, improve your logic. It teaches you to play by the rules, take responsibility for your actions, and how to problem solve in an uncertain environment." – Garry Kasparov.

Our budding chess player Divitt Arora of class 6E made us proud by bagging first position in open category in 16th Endgame Expert Online Chess Tournament. He also secured second position in open category in 16th Intermediate Tactics Online Chess Tournament.



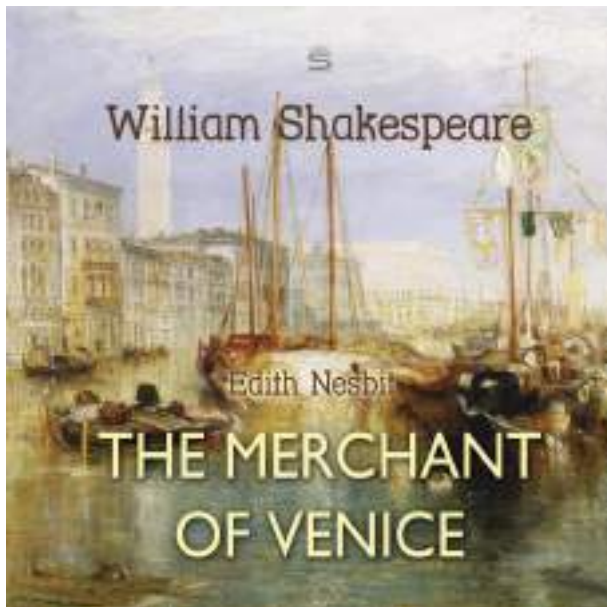
"MISS YOU G D GOENKA" School Times end but memories Last Forever" Yamir of IX E, has voiced the sentiments of thousands of children sitting at home and missing the fun and bonding of school - a state they have been in for the last one year - through a touching video, depicting the beautiful memories of GD Goenka Public School. The video titled, "Miss you GD Goenka" tugs at the heartstrings as we go back in time remembering the good old days of School Assemblies, Basketball matches and Music bands. Well done, Yamir, for reviving the school days, for refreshing the school memories, memories that would linger on forever and ever.... till the gates open again....





On April 17th, Goethe Institute conducted a wonderful session on German story narration with pictures or 'PicStory'. The faculty used this innovative concept to build a story on "My Thirteen Fingers" - this story was about a man who had thirteen fingers and how he used to treat them differently. Our school was represented by three bright students **Anushka Jaria, Giah Gupta & Riddhi Batra of 8-D.**

The faculty taught them how to narrate a story with the help of wonderful pictures. Last week, Goethe Institute published a magazine that included some of the most Innovative pictures that the participants created during the event. The wonderful creation of Giah Gupta and Riddhi Batra made it to the magazine. Great going girls..



The students of class 8-D, presented before us an extravagant play, '**Merchant of Venice**', written by the "Bard of Avon" Shakespeare in the 16th century. The royalty of the era has been brought into light by presenting the famous casket scene in which many suitors come to woo the princess of Belmont, Portia. However, it will be interesting to see who is declared the prince of her dreams.

Class 8-D presented, 'The Merchant of Venice'. The students brought out the richness of the play through their magnificent speeches and a beautifully presented video. They elaborated by showcasing the court scene that took place during the play. In the play the importance of the two edged weapons of justice and mercy is displayed via the majestic trial that is held for pursuing justice.