



The Goenkan **CONNECT** Newsletter

SOMETIMES IN THE WAVES OF CHANGE , WE FIND OUR TRUE DIRECTION.

In order to maximize our potential, the school left no stone unturned to motivate and inspire the students to explore their talents and give wings to their creativity and skills. The bright vignettes of the Goenkan achievements and activities reveal the ample scope for out of the box thinking and progression in cultural, digital and sports events. Let us all cheer for these commendable initiatives!!

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GDGIMUN is a legacy that has been passed on for eight years. This year we launched the first ever Online MUN which was organized on 6th and 7th August 2021. 492 delegates from 32 schools participated this year.

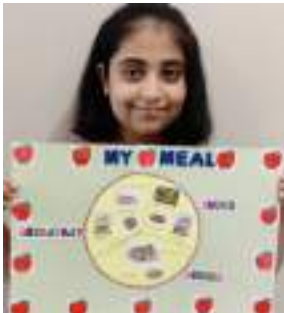
The conference was the right representation of our tagline "Time to Act, Time to Change". Change is never easy, it often creates discord. But when we as individuals come together for the good of humanity, we can illuminate even the smallest candles in the dark complicated problems of this simple world. One twig lights a small fire but a thousand twigs light an inferno. With this thought in mind, this year too we managed to forge an atmosphere of excellence and accomplishment.



Academic Pursuits

Grade 5 Dietician Activity

A balanced diet is one that fulfills all of a person's nutritional needs. To understand and implement the knowledge of including foods from five food groups, students of class 5 became dieticians for a day and made their diet charts for a young boy/girl, office worker and elderly person.



Class 5 English Activity - Pronouns

Pronouns seem like an easy concept, but the deeper we get into the topic the more complicated it gets and we at Goenka make sure that our kids take up these challenges and come up with innovative ideas of learning. And here is an example of the same.

Online Assemblies

"Everything is created twice, first in the mind and then in reality". This quote by Robin Sharma on "Mindfulness", was the topic of the assembly presented by the students of class X C on 7 September 2021.

Mindfulness, as a way of connecting with oneself, through meditation, yoga etc. was brought out beautifully by interesting examples including a short skit. Remaining positive in the covid pandemic, by focusing on the present, rather than the past or future and delving deep inside to discover one's inner strength was the powerful message which was conveyed distinctly by the students.

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Our Nation is commemorating the 75th Anniversary of India's independence. As a part of this 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' Class 7C highlighted the events that led to the freedom of the country from British rule during the class Assembly on 21st October. Students recalled events from the 1857 Sepoy Mutiny to the Quit India Movement. They explained how India's 'Independence Day' was a result of millions of people coming together to fight for their freedom from British Colonial rule.

Class 3C Assembly | Give Wings to your dreams, Class 3 C had its online Class Assembly on 29th October 2021. The topic of the assembly was "Give Wings to your Dreams". The topic was well justified by a good script, small skit and powerful dance performance by the students. The assembly was well applauded by one and all.

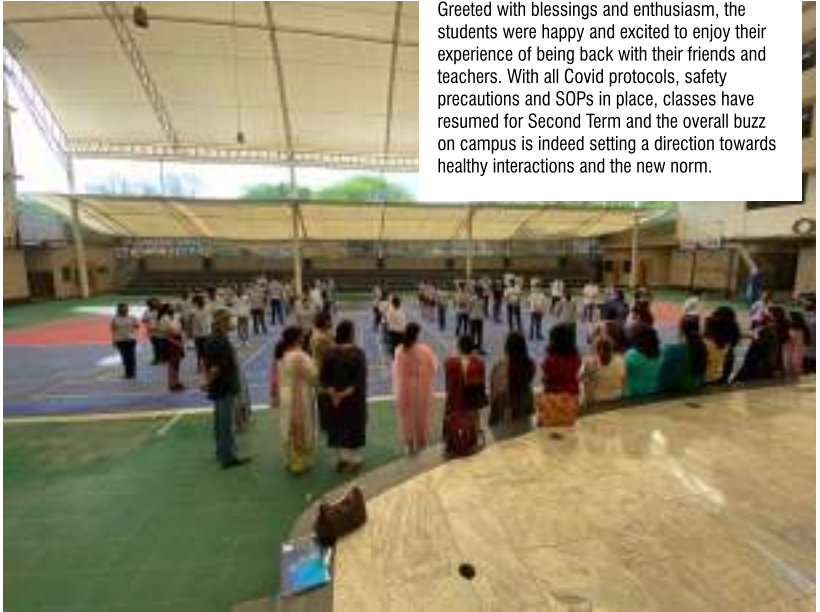


Social Connect with Empathy & Effect

GOENKANS GREETED BACK IN SCHOOL!

Senior school students returned to school in a phased manner to resume their studies in the swanky, newly renovated building.

Greeted with blessings and enthusiasm, the students were happy and excited to enjoy their experience of being back with their friends and teachers. With all Covid protocols, safety precautions and SOPs in place, classes have resumed for Second Term and the overall buzz on campus is indeed setting a direction towards healthy interactions and the new norm.



GOENKAN SCHOLAR OUTSHINES at DEUTSCHUTSAV

German Festival at Mayo College Aanya Malik proved herself once again by securing First Position (Junior category) in the German Quiz Competition organised by Mayo College, Ajmer. Around 350 students from 65 schools across India participated in the event, DeutschUtsav@Mayo. Her efforts were acknowledged in the closing ceremony by His Excellence Walter J. Lindner, German Ambassador to India.



Creative enhancement through covid -19

Diversity, integrity, a stimulating learning environment and sense of community are the values that resonate with the institution of G.D. Goenka Public School. The young learners of the Middle Wing have only grown fonder of their school with each passing day, more so in the pandemic which has made them realise the importance of a temple-like educational institute. Each child's growth is synonymous with his/her school's growth, and that is what the learners have shown through the simple means of pen and paper. They are proud to be a part of a school with nurturing mentors that aids them in achieving excellence. Kabirinder Singh of 6-D, under the guidance of Ms Meeta Rana, has compiled one such video showcasing the love showered by the students!

Creativity at its Best Devina's writing prowess was on full display when she participated in the National Essay Writing Competition (English) as her entry was selected for the top 100 essays nationwide. The event, conducted in September 2021, was organized by 'The Leaders for Tomorrow', in association with Press Club of India and Voice Kids. Devina is now eligible to participate in the second round of the competition, prizes for which include a fully sponsored trip to South Korea. This remarkable feat has earned her a full scholarship for a 'Journalism and Writing Program for Student Reports' which is sponsored by Development Channel. Bravo, Devina!

Devina Saxena of class 10-D put her creative writing skills to good use in the Inter School Competition, "Gloria Humanitas", organized by Gyan Bharti School, Saket, when she wrote a Diary Entry on the Historical Event, "Chauri Chaura". It was a fantastic moment when Devina was declared the 'runners up' in an event which saw the participation of many prominent schools of Delhi.



Staying connected and involved during the challenges of Covid times has been a very important factor for us. Akshay Misra of class IX-E participated in the highly acclaimed and prestigious, 'The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition' organized by the 'Royal Commonwealth Society'. Akshay won the Bronze Award for his essay on 'Keeping Connected through Covid -19'.



Celebrations of special days

To make the Teachers' Day memorable for their mentors, Goenkans presented a special assembly full of entertainment, on the virtual platform. Divine blessings were invoked through the morning prayer. The witty delivery of news triggered bouts of laughter. Profound sentiments were expressed through spirited recitations and speeches, acknowledging the challenges faced by teachers and thanking them for being the constant driving force. A meticulously planned cultural programme, complete with humorous skits, melodious songs, soulful musical performances and graceful dances was enjoyed far and wide through the live streaming on YouTube. Heartfelt expressions of gratitude left every teacher overwhelmed.



Our Gurus- Teachers are born with golden hearts, patience like saints, and dedication without any question. They help us find our ways in the dark, by holding our hands. They are beautiful just like lighting lamps and pearls in a shell. This world would never be as

beautiful as teachers have made it for us. I acknowledge this day. Happy teacher's day! Thank you for being my pillar of support, you will always be remembered. I love you, my teachers! Eryk Sachdeva. Class 6 - D

A small effort from the students of 6-A to let our dearest teachers know that they are truly special ... a gesture of expressing - we are your students and will always be ... a heartfelt pledge that we will always be yours unconditionally.

HAPPY
Teacher's day

The students of class 6-E have expressed their gratitude to all the teachers for always believing in them and bring out the best in them on the occasion of Teacher's Day ! Wishing all the teachers joy and happiness

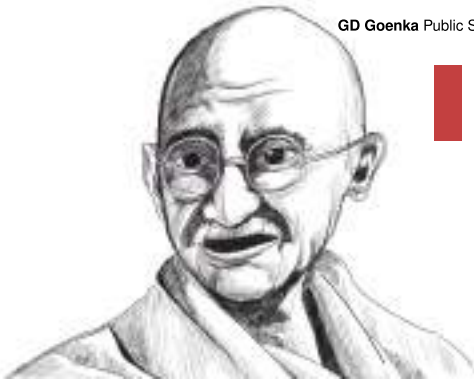
Teachers Day Special Dance - Guru is the one who enlightens us and removes darkness. Who gives us knowledge and shows us the right path. We are thankful to our gurus for their guidance and support. 'Gurave Namaha' A tribute by students of class 8.

Words are less to express our feelings for you all on this special day. Thanks for guiding us, motivating us and showing us the right direction. Class 6-D



Teachers plant the seed of knowledge that lasts a lifetime. Guru Brahma, Guru Vishnu, Guru Devo Maheshwaraha, Guru Saakshat Para Brahma, Tasmai Shri Gurave Namaha. Wishing all the teachers with joy and happiness on the occasion of Teachers' Day! Sibani Minocha 8-E

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Heartfelt Tribute Ardent Rendition of 'Vaishnav Jan To'

2 October marks the birth anniversary of our beloved 'Father Of The Nation' and, what better way to remember Mahatma Gandhi than singing one of his iconic bhajans, " Vaishnav Jan To". Paying tribute to 'Bapu', as he was fondly called, was Ananya Chakraborti of class IX - A , whose soulful and poignant rendition of the song , shook us to our very core. Stupendous effort, Ananya!



The little Goenkans celebrated Gandhi Jayanti, the birth anniversary of the Father of the nation on Friday, 1st October. The tiny tots paid rich tributes to the Father of the nation - Mahatma Gandhi. Through videos and presentation they learnt more about the great ideals and teachings of Gandhiji - like Truth , non violence , cleanliness and hygiene.

The little ones created beautiful craft to commemorate the occasion, as they promised to follow the path shown by Bapu.

Gandhi Jayanti - Class 3-5 | Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated on October 2 every year to mark the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Father of the Nation, as he was called, led India's freedom movement along with many other national leaders against British rule in India. To pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, students of the primary department made beautiful paintings of Gandhiji.

On this auspicious occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, Vivaan Sethi of class 6-E shares with us the "10 life virtues from the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi " and pledges to imbibe them in his life.



As a mark of respect to the " Father Of Our Nation " our young patriots from the Junior Wing have paid a heartfelt tribute to our great leader ,Mahatma Gandhi upholding his principles of Satyagraha and Ahimsa. Jai Hind

Remembering Gandhi ji on his 152 Birthday Anniversary. Mahatma Gandhi took out a march on 12th march 1930, against the salt tax imposed by the British government on Indian farmers. Though salt was a very small item, it directly impacted millions of Indian houses. A reason that Gandhi's Dandi March was a huge success. The march ended on 6th April, 1930. 50,000 Indians were part of this procession. The students of class 6-D have paid their tribute to the greatest leader of our nation known as Bapu ji.

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, An exceptionally pure soul, whose vibe will be felt till the end of the world. I salute you ! On this special day. This song is dedicated to The Father of our Nation. Eryk Sachdeva 6-D





Halloween Day

Students of class 3-5 celebrated Halloween Day by dressing up as spooky characters.



TRICK OR TREAT!

The spooky festival of Halloween was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the little ones. Children dressed up as their favourite Halloween character- be it a witch, a monster, a zombie or a ghost . The matching makeup and the scary role play which followed brought smiles and so much laughter .

The trick or treat session continued as the lil ones made the Bat biscuits treat and the Jack-o lantern craft, which added to the fun festivities. Definitely a memorable fun, spooky Halloween party.

Victory of Good Over Evil | Dussehra Celebrations

The festival of 'Vijaya Dashami', signifies the Victory of good over evil. This festival was celebrated amidst traditional fervour and gaiety. Daily screening of video clips of various episodes from the Ramayana helped the little ones familiarize with the essence of the great epic. On the Mahanavami day , the students , dressed in traditional attire indulged in the sketching activities to draw 'Goddess Durga' and 'Ravan'. The students shared their understanding of the festival and understood how the good prevails.

Enriching us about our heritage and culture, our little ones from the Junior Wing, Aviraj Gulati - Nursery A and Ranvir Kathuria - KG A on the occasion of Vijayadashami have recited poems, narrated episodes of Ramayana. Mohivya - Kg A , Dakshesh Dua - I B shared the message that good always triumphs over evil through role play and flash cards thus upholding the virtue of goodness.

Nivaan Gakhar - 1B and Vaanya Bansal - I A have invoked the spirit of Dussehra by sharing information, quotes and narrating stories of the great Ramayana with zeal .





GOENKAN SWIMMER ACHIEVES NATIONAL GLORY

Advancing into the National Swimming arena, Ananya Chakraborti of class IX of our school, won the Bronze medal in the 4X200M Freestyle Relay. This glorious achievement was attained at the 56th Delhi State Open and Junior Swimming Championship held at Talkatora Pool Complex, New Delhi. Ananya's efforts have been crowned with success as she has also been selected for the prestigious Junior National Water Polo Camp.

GOENKAN SWIMMER EXCELS

Making her mark in the National Swimming arena, ISHIKA PAPOLA of class IX of our school, won the Bronze medal in the 4X200M Freestyle Relay. This wonderful feat was attained at the 56th Delhi State Open and Junior Swimming Championship held at Talkatora Pool Complex, New Delhi. Ishika is sure to win many more laurels in the future.



AQUAGIRL GOENKAN SWIMMER QUALIFIES FOR NATIONALS

Vanshika Choudhary of 11-A, the aquagirl of GDG-VK amply proved her swimming acumen through her stupendous performance in 56th Delhi State Open and Junior Swimming Championship by securing bronze medals in 400M Freestyle, 800M Freestyle, 1500M Freestyle and 200M Butterfly Stroke. Her "never say die" spirit helped her get selected for Junior Nationals (Swimming)!





TENNIS O HOLIC

A proud moment for all of us as our little Goenkan Harman Singh Rajbans of class 5 has reached the Semi-Finals in All India Open Tennis Championship under 14 mix doubles, held at Guru Nanak Public School, Pitampura.



FIT INDIA FREEDOM RUN 2.0

Fit India Freedom Run 2.0, a nationwide campaign, conceptualised by FIT India Mission to commemorate the 75th Independence Day, was launched on the concept of "Physical Virtual Run" in a continuum from 13 August to 2 October 2021 to encourage fitness. 250 students of GDGPSVK enthusiastically participated in this event and every child has been awarded a certificate. This has also earned the school a certificate. We are proud of our Goenkans for responding to this initiative with alacrity.



NO MEAN FEAT: ACE GOENKAN SWIMMER QUALIFIES FOR NATIONALS

Saanvi Sood of 12-A, our own Emma McKeon at GDG-VK, left everyone awestruck with her stupendous performance in the 56th Delhi State Open and Junior Swimming Championship. She secured the pole position in four events, claiming gold: 200M & 400M Individual Medley (I.M.) and 100M & 200M Back Stroke. In addition, she also bagged silver in 50M Freestyle and 50M Back Stroke. The champion has now been selected for Junior Nationals (Swimming)!

Fitness Yoga Sports enthusiasts Golf Prodigy



"Soaring high is my dream!" says Rhea.

Rhea Kumar, 7-B, has succeeded in adding another feather to her cap by securing third position in the 110th Albatross Golf Tournament, India, organized on 26-27 August 2021 at Classic Golf and Country Club, Gurugram.

TURNING PRO!

For every keen golfer, finding the perfect swing is the ultimate goal. Once a golfer learns to aim properly, the process to hit better shots becomes easier. Rhea Kumar of Class 7-B has proved her talent yet again, by securing second position in NCR Cup Junior Golf Tournament, held on 16-17 September 2021 at Delhi Golf Club.

KEEP IT IN THE FAIRWAY

Golf is all about the short grass. The more time you can spend in the fairway and on or about the green, the better your scoring is going to be. Rhea Kumar of class 7-B has made us proud again by bagging the second position in the IGU North Zone Junior Feeder Tournament. The event was held at FRIMA, Dehradun from October 1-3, 2021.





SUPER ACHIEVER JENISSHA RACHNAA CLASS I- A



As Goenkans sparkle and shine, latest in the ever growing list of achievers is our li'l super achiever - Jenisha Rachnaa, an enthusiastic 6 year old student of class 1. Jenisha is winning hearts and accolades everywhere as she has been bestowed with the honour of being the - 'Youngest female author in India', for her debut book- 'Jen Jen Talez'. **(Available on Amazon).**

An outstanding achievement indeed , we cannot wait to read her book and take a peek into a 6 years old's window of imagination.

BREAKOUT

The prestigious Inter-School Western Music Competition "BREAKOUT" was organised by Amity International School, Saket on 9th October 2021. Vinayak Goel of Class 8C of GD Goenka Public School, Vasant Kunj, was the youngest participant in the category of Acoustic Drums. He bagged the Third Position in the live online event.



WLARET BOOK READING COMPETITION 2021



Ahaana Shah of class 8E has been rewarded an E-Writer's device, an award of completion, an Amazon gift voucher of rupees 300, a certificate of appreciation, and a letter of commendation for completing the book reading competition hosted by Wlaret.com. She successfully finished all twelve books given by Wlaret, which included books like- The Chronicles of Narnia and APJ Abdul Kalam's Reignite. The judges were astounded by her superb reading skills as well as her capacity to acquire and add to her knowledge.

Kyrell Kochar of class 8-E has been awarded an Amazon Gift Voucher (Rs.300), an E-Writer Device, an Award, and a Letter of Commendation by Wlaret.com for reading 12 books and completing the competition successfully in a short span of time. Her excellent reading and writing skills, as well as her ability to absorb and augment knowledge, amazed the judges.

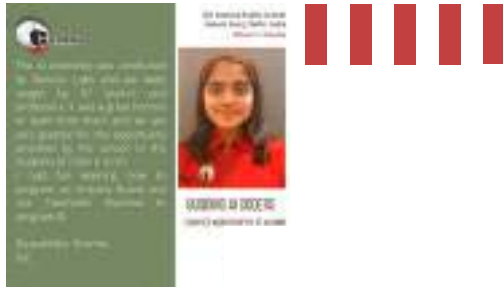


Deepshikha Sharma of Class 8-E has been awarded an E-writer device, Award, reader badge, letter of commendation, certificate and Amazon gift vouchers worth 600, by Wlaret.com, for reading 12 books and completing the Wlaret Book Reading Competition 2021.

Reboot to the Computer Wizard

BUDDING AI CODERS

The workshop was conducted by Rancho Labs and we were taught by IIT alumni and professors. It was a great honour to learn from them and we are very grateful for this opportunity provided by the school to the students of Classes 6 to 10. I had fun learning how to program an Arduino Board and use Teachable Machine to program AI. The workshop comprised two interactive sessions and we all made the projects on the spot. The event was coordinated by Anjali Ma'am. It was an amazing experience and a great learning opportunity! Deepshikha Sharma, 8-E



GOENKAN TECH WEEK VERSION 2.0

After an impressive and successful week dedicated solely to technology last summer, the Goenkan Tech Guild presented the next edition of the illustrious 'Goenkan Tech Week' in August 2021.

The event was organised over the course of seven days, from 25August till 31August. During this week, the core team of nine creative geniuses concocted superlative competitions with new, state-of-the-art events for participation by classes 3-12. The challenging competitions were designed to unleash a surge of creativity.

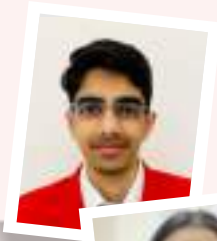
300 students sent their willingness to participate, of which thirty entries were shortlisted. The participants emerged triumphant in merging their tech skills with their boundless creativity. After yet another successful tech week, the Goenkan Tech Guild urges the students to keep transforming their dreams digitally. Technology is symbolic of not only growth, but also progress in modern day art and expression. Such events help participants tap their potential.



Goenkan Tech Week A Fun Platform To Explore & Learn

Maanya Taneja of class 6-D really enjoyed participating in the Tech-Guild events. After participating in these tech events she has developed a great liking for it and wants to explore more. We, as her parents, feel that it is a great platform to enhance her creativity in Graphics and Animation as well as App Development.





MULTIMEDIA CONTEST STELLARS

The stellar skills of film-making earned Goenkan team of Yashanshi Sajwan (11-B), Dhruv Sehgal (11-B), Vaaruni Agarwal (11-E) and Adya Arora (11-A), second position in Multimedia Contest, in the Inter-School Fest, TECHVVIZ 2021, hosted by Vasant Valley School. The team utilised their camera well to capture the essence of the topic, "Seva". The contest had two rounds leading to the selection of the top scoring eight teams for the final round. Young Goenkan minds in GDGVK have often taken a lead in the celebration of the role of technology in these unpredictable times. Owing to the valuable contributions of the participants, GDGPS was declared the overall winner.

TECH QUIZ WIZARD

Arush Bhagat from Class 9-A, walked away with the first prize in "Tech-O-Byte Quiz " in the Inter-School Fest TECHVVIZ 202, hosted by Vasant Valley School. He gave a tough fight to the students from classes X, XI and XII. There was a preliminary round from which the top scoring teams were selected for the final round of the quiz. It was a challenging round as the children put their knowledge related to technology to good use and it is a matter of great pride that Arush emerged as the clear winner. Young Goenkan minds have often taken a lead in celebrating technology in these unpredictable times. Owing to the valuable contributions of the participants, GDGPS was declared the overall winner.



SUPERB DIGITAL HARMONIZER

Snehendu Batabyal of class 10 A, bagged the First Position in the event "CONSONANCE", in the Tech Fest "Infinitus", organised by Delhi Public School, Ghaziabad. Participants were supposed to create an original composition of any genre (30 seconds minimum). They were judged on the basis of Originality, Composition and Usage of the Sample. Diverse challenges were given to the participants, and they were awarded bonus points for meeting the challenge successfully.



Modern Alchemists

Aayush Rai and Aryan Taneja of Class 12-B, secured 3rd position in the event "Software Alchemist", in Tech Fest "Infinitus", organised by Delhi Public School, Ghaziabad on 17 September 2021. The event challenged the participants to come up with an innovative implementation of "Internet of Things" and present it live in the form of a Sway or PowerPoint presentation. After extensive research about all the ways the concept of IoT is currently being used in various industries, our two Goenkans created a completely new application in the field of archaeology. This application helps the user ascertain the origin and end point of civilisations as also get an insight into their cultures! In addition to this, they gave ideas for brilliant solutions - IoT enabled Lidar scanning and also how to create an Internet of Underwater Things Archeosubs! The hat of innovator enabled them to foresee the advancements in technology in the times to come.



Enhanced Webinars with Experts ! Gender Bias : A Presentation by Value Creation Club

The Value Creation Club held its first presentation on the topic "Understanding Gender Bias".

The presentation commenced with a short introduction to the club and explication of the topic by the founder member, Ansh Kapoor. Gauri Nagar, Laksh Nagpal and Shreevats Pandey analysed causes and ill-effects of the practice of gender bias. Various interactive activities were conducted by Anshika Kapoor and Samia Singh, viz., hashtempore, multiple choice questions, true/false statements and a Bollywood quiz. Each activity created awareness about gender bias prevalent in society. Active participation of over 100 students and teachers made this presentation a huge success.

Benesse, the largest education group from Japan, conducted their second online session for class 9, in the school auditorium on 12 October 2021. The team from Benesse, Japan, received a warm welcome and had an interesting interactive session, both with the teachers and students. They enlightened the students about the innovative diagnostic and assessment tools adopted by them to help students sharpen their mathematical skills and further their career growth. The students' keen involvement and enthusiastic participation made the event truly worthwhile.

The session was followed by an 'online multiple assessment' for the students on 14 October 2021. After the Math Assessment, the students had to fill a 'Learning Habits Questionnaire' the submission of which marked the culmination of the event.



Intra Mural Events and Glory



Sambhav Jain of class IX D continued with his gold haul by bagging the First Position in the "Sports Jeet Kune- do, 16th Independence Cup 2021". He accomplished this stupendous feat by winning the gold medal in the U- 15 Boys, 56- 60 kg category. The event was organized by "Kreeda Bharti Brahampuri Jila" at the Delhi- NCR level. Heartiest Congratulations Sambhav for a spectacular performance!



Young Goekans are going places and how! Rayna, 9D, showcased her intelligence and vivacity to reach the Final of the All India Beauty Pageant, "The First Miss Teen , 2021", hosted by First India. A beauty with brains, Rayna would be representing Delhi in the final which will be held in Goa in October. Heartiest Congratulations Rayna!



Fun and frolic as the young ones explore



BEST OUT OF WASTE

To sensitise the children on keeping the environment clean and to bring about an awareness to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle - a Best out of Waste activity was planned for our Junior Goenkans. The little Goenkans showcased their creativity as they transformed walnut shells and other waste material into beautiful animal craft. They also learnt some interesting walnut facts, it's immense nutritional value and the manifold benefits of eating walnuts daily.



GANESHA CHATURTHI CELEBRATIONS

Budding Artists of Grade - 1 of the Junior Wing , participated and performed in the special Assembly with full enthusiasm, showcasing their talent with sheer confidence. Students through their enchanting performances praised and worshipped Lord Ganesha , seeking his blessings of knowledge and wisdom. " Ganpati Bappa Morya"



PAPER PLAY - THE ART OF ORIGAMI

Is it a sheet of paper or a frog , a fish or a dog ?? Our dear little ones practiced the beautiful Japanese art of paper folding - Origami, as they learnt to create innovative figures out of a simple origami sheet ! The tiny tots learnt this beautiful art of paper folding and were encouraged to give wings to their imagination and design their own lovely creations!!

