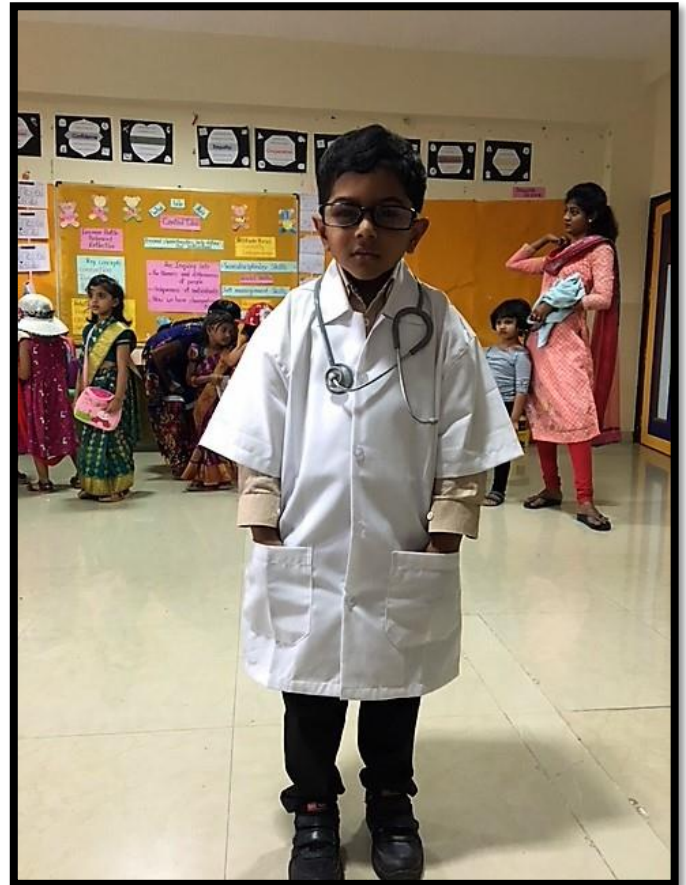




GATEWAY

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



August EVENTS

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August 2nd, 3rd – Synergy'18, APL Global School

August 14th - Independence Day Celebration

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August 21st – World Senior Citizen Day & Guest Lecture (Health & Hygiene) – K3 - PYP

August 23rd – Field Trip PYP 2 (Birla Planetarium)

August 24th - Field Trip – MYP 1, 2, 3 (Phoenix Mall) & MYP 4, 5 (Mahabalipuram)

August 25th – First Unit Parent Teacher Meeting - PYP

August 31st – Guest Lecture (Responsibilities of a Global Citizen)

SYNERGY 2018

Synergy'18

"Synergy 2018" the Inter Schools Cultural Competitions organized by **APL Global Academy, Thoraipakkam** in their school campus on 2nd August and 3rd concluded with a great deal of enthusiasm and healthy competition. **Gateway Cultural Coordinator Ms. Jennipher** was in charge of the registration process of events.

There were surplus events conducted under each category with an objective of providing a common platform to all the students. We had around 20 students who participated in various events under different categories in which PYP and MYP and bagged prizes in almost all the events.

During the two days of Synergy, the campus reverberated with the keen spirit of competition among the students for all events which hosted and organized by APL Global Academy Senior Students. It focuses on the development of students and how they are responsible in leading the program. The competitions highlighted the effort taken by each school which was evident in the quality of presentations and participation of students ranging from grade I to grade 12. The final outcome was spectacular and a visual treat for the eyes.

The event concluded on 3rd August (Friday) with the much-awaited prize distribution ceremony facilitated by a non-profitable organization called *Thuli*. Amidst a lot of cheering and applause, our Gateway buds won various prizes in different categories.

- Quiz Up – First position (Siddharth - MYP 1 and Abhily - MYP 2)
- Through the Lens - First Position (Manas - MYP 4)
- Comic on – First Position (Vetha - MYP 5)
- Block Tackle – First Position (Vibash Devanathan - MYP 5)
- Creative Canvas - First Position (Miguel – PYP 5)
- Cakophonix – First Position (Noel – PYP 4)
- Floor Art – Second Position (Marisa & Abhily – MYP 2)
- Face Painting – Second Position (Saishree & Sivansi – MYP 5)
- Collage – First Position (Harshita & Oveya – MYP 3)

This clearly exhibited the true spirit of the Fest to encourage the students to compete with the competitive spirit and healthy participation and an opportunity to explore and unleash their talents. The aim of this Inter-School event to provide a forum for the young talent from all schools to express their creativity and originality and demonstrate their inherent talents and diverse faculties were truly fulfilled.





Independence Day Celebration

Independence Day was celebrated in the school premises on 14th August 2018 in their respective classes with respect and enthusiasm by organizing various cultural events. The gamut of celebration activities held consisted of face painting, drawing, fancy dress competition, speech on famous Indian personalities and corruption or empowerment.

The students of MYP 1 were dressed as freedom fighters and gave a speech about their favourite freedom fighter, while the MYP 2 and 3 students sang Vande mataram.

The students of MYP 4 and 5 participated in a speech competition, the topic was on “Corruption”. They showcased their communication and oratory skills. It was indeed a memorable informative session and competition for the children who proudly displayed their talents.

The students of K1, K 2, K3 and PYP 1 participated enthusiastically in the fancy dress ramp walk on the theme “I want to be.” It was indeed a pleasant sight to see students displaying different roles as doctors, teachers, bakers and fashion designers displaying their PYP attributes with confidence and integrity. Students were proud to give a short description of the tri-coloured flag and speech on Mahatma Gandhi. PYP 2 students represented different leaders and showcased their talents confidently. PYP 3,4 and 5 were thrilled to take part in the speech competition dressed in different costumes and actively participated in face painting competition enthusiastically.

This event brought about a feeling of patriotism in the students. It was a day of joy where children expressed their sentiments towards the country.







Flag Hoisting

On the occasion of India's Independence Day, our Principal initiated the 72nd Independence Day ceremony on August 15th, by hoisting our National Flag which serves as the prime event on the Independence Day, the whole school community felt proud to salute once the Flag was hoisted, the pledge was taken to remain patriotic towards our country and fellowmen. The PYP, MYP & DP coordinators collectively gave a speech on 'Unity in diversity, 'Freedom' and 'Leadership.'

It was a very memorable day and sweets were distributed to all.





Grand Parents Day

To keep the heart unwrinkled, to be hopeful, kindly, cheerful, reverent that is to triumph over old age.

Thomas Bailey Aldrich

If you're lucky enough to still have grandparents, visit them, cherish them and celebrate them while you can. To cherish this thought, GIS celebrated Grandparent's day on 21st August 2018.

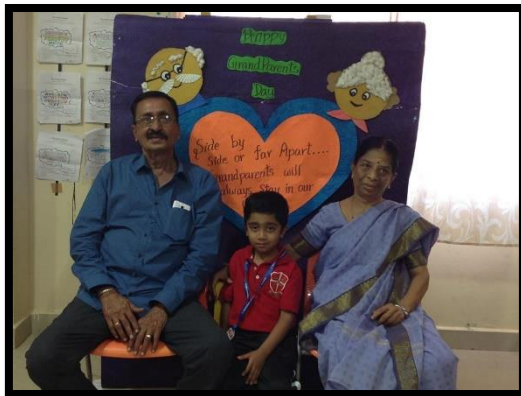
The tiny tots of kindergarten and our primary stars welcomed their grandparents with special welcome songs followed by multiple games and other fun filled activities facilitated by the home room teachers.

Many fun events like karaoke, step it up, dubstep, pin the tail and more were conducted for the grandparents to interact and enjoy along with our students. The grandparents shared some of their classic stories and words of wisdom with the kids to encourage and entertain them.

The middle graders organized the stage for their grandparents to make some classic moves along with them as the songs were played. The students prepared special recipes to be served for their grandparents along with the refreshments. The kids exchanged handmade greeting cards and personalized mementoes as a token of love and appreciation for their grandparents.

Every Grandparent on their way out left with their hearts filled with delightful blend of laughter, caring deeds, wonderful stories and lots of love.







Guest Lecture (Health & Hygiene)

We were honoured by the visit of Doctor Alice, who is a specialist in microbiology from the Chettinad Hospital, Chennai for a guest lecture for the K3 students which connected the theme 'Who we are' and related to the central idea "Personal characteristic help define the individual," it was an eye-opener for the other students of PYP 1,2 &4 who were also present to experience the learning engagements.

The lecture gave deep insight into; healthy life-style-pros and cons, factors affecting hygiene, healthy food (food pyramid) and an experiential learning on personal hygiene.

The objective of the lecture was on maintaining good habits and healthy living from the early years and precautions from contaminated diseases. The students endured understanding further when a video presentation was done and actively participated in interacting with the doctor.

The students reflected and ensured to be more responsible in the future on the healthy food and living which will be an action towards their wellbeing.



FIELD TRIPS



Field Trip PYP 2 (Birla Planetarium)

The students of PYP 2 went on a field trip to the Periyar Science and Technology Centre, Kotturpuram, on 23-Aug '18. It was an educational trip, where the students acquired knowledge about the Earth and its wild life through a cosmic show played on a specially perforated hemispherical dome. They also enjoyed a 3D show on ocean and aquatic creatures. After the shows, the children explored the entire science centre, which houses many galleries, such as, Physical Science, Rocket Science, Electronics and Communication, Energy, Life Science, Innovation, Mathematics, Transport, International Dolls and Children and Materials Science, with over 500 exhibits. The mirrors section was a fun place for the kids, where they enjoyed every piece of display, especially the mirror maze. The Centre also has an evolution park, where there was a full-fledged display of animals in the order of evolution. This was a wonderful opportunity for the students to build up their knowledge and strengthen their social skills and research skills.

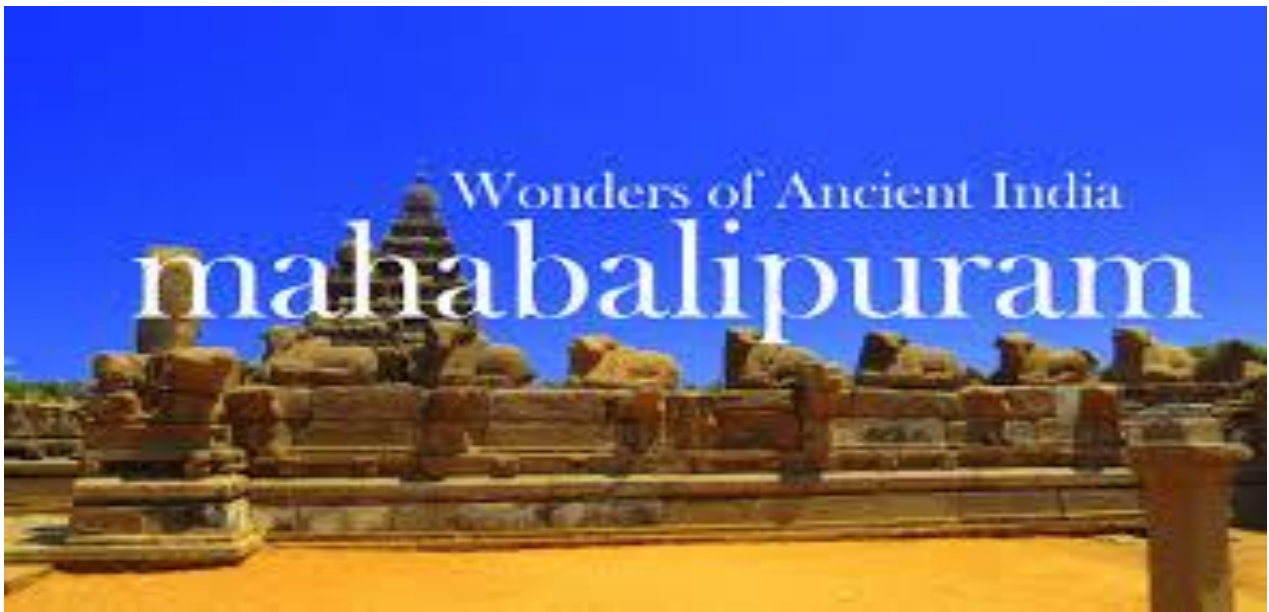




Field Trip – MYP 1, 2, 3 (Phoenix Mall)

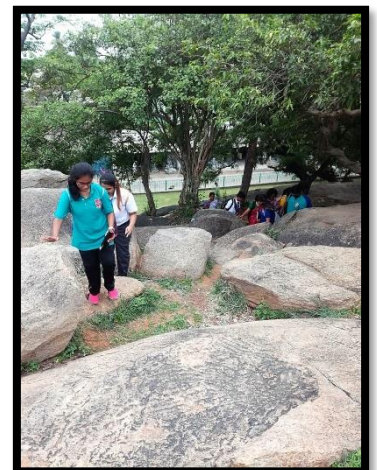
The students of MYP 1, 2 & 3 were taken on a field-trip to Phoenix Mall, Velachery on August 24, 2018, accompanied by the Language, Math and Design teachers. The students were excited to visit the mall with their classmates and exhibited much ardour throughout the trip. They learnt arithmetic operations through buying activities and percentage calculation for sale, in relevance with their current unit of inquiry - number systems. They also learnt how persuasive texts play a key role in marketing strategies and influencing customer decisions. They then analyzed the variations in text based on the audiences targeted and the purpose of the text. The students made intriguing inquiries thereby making the trip a highly interactive as well as an indelible one.





MYP 4, 5 (Mahabalipuram)

MYP 4 and 5 went on a field trip to Mahabalipuram on 24th August 2018 to learn about the architectural values and world heritage monuments in relation with their learning in the subjects of art and Individuals and Societies. The students had an awesome experience of visiting the Krishna Mandapam, Roy gopuram, and Krishna's butter ball. They were feeling excited to see the workmanship of the Pallava kings in the Shore temple and the five Rathas. The students were accompanied by the teachers Ms. Jenifer along with Ms. Vidya sagari and Ms. Nishanthini.



Parent Teacher Meeting

First Unit Parent Teacher Meeting – PYP

25th August 2018 was busiest day as the PYP teachers, preparing to communicate and interact with parents on the curriculum, the POI (programme of Inquiry) teaching and learning, differentiated, strategic and conceptual understanding and learning of the students. The First unit PTM which gave the parents a deeper insight into the five essential elements of the PYP and on the planned lessons, transdisciplinary theme, integrated subjects, formative and summative assessment.

The support of the parents were excellent, they were keen on their child's development and patiently listened to the teachers' briefing them about academics and the extra-curricular teachers explaining the progression of the child in learning different skills in the activities as well.

The feedback from the parents was extremely good and henceforth regular unit PTM will be done before the beginning of every unit.



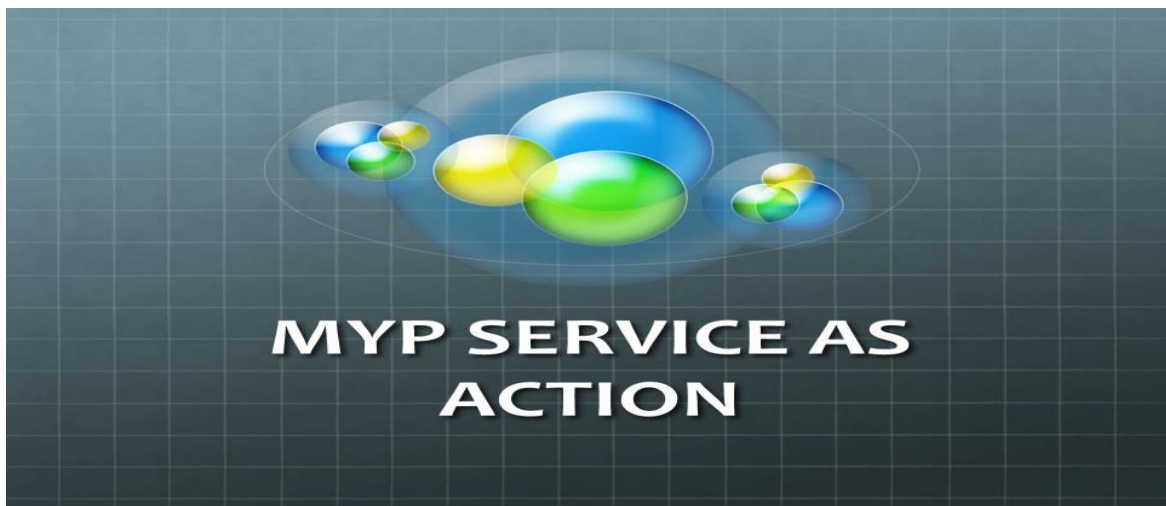


Guest Lecture (Responsibilities of a Global Citizen)

GIS IB continuum school witnessed a soul-stirring guest lecture for the PYP 3 students and the invitation was extended to the whole of PYP students and the MYP 1,2 & 3 for an inquiry on our responsibilities as a Global Citizen.

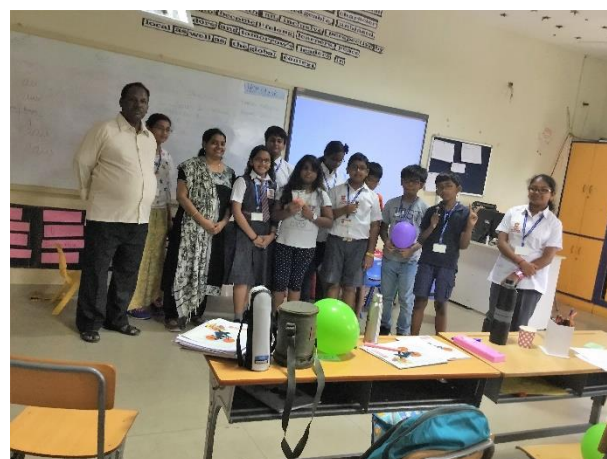
The renowned guest Mr. Kumar is known as the “Dancing traffic cop of Chennai” who has a motto of “Love and duty first”, gave a wonderful talk and a deeper insight to how we can stand being a role-model and serve our near and dear ones. He shared with us that we should be humble, responsible and think wisely before acting. Officer Kumar had a very interactive session with our students in which he emphasized the importance of implementing sound judgment and common sense by being aware of life situations. He gave a powerful message saying that everyone is born with ruling powers which will help us win globally. The renowned cop later spoke to us in parables to give us an in-depth understanding of the value of life and our various personal and social responsibilities.





Service as Action Activity

Write-up: MYP 2 students have conducted an awareness programme in GIS campus to increase the interest and enthusiasm of our PYP students to learn French languages. They have planned some interesting activities like putting the sticker on the forehead, musical chair to motivate PYP students to learn French through fun. They also prepared greeting cards to welcome them and lemonade for refreshment. At the time of culmination, they distributed appreciation prizes which will enhance their level of interest and enthusiasm. Through this activity, MYP 2 students learn to discuss an issue and plan activities effectively in collaboration to make a difference in the community.



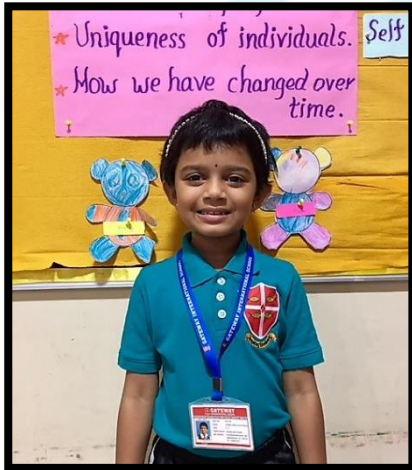
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations Nagasahasra!!!

We are proud to have our IB PYP 3 student, Nagasahasra exhibiting Risk taker and Balanced profile by winning two Bronze medals in Kancheepuram District Skating competition of Road event. She demonstrated bravery by practicing consistently even when she was injured and presented her skills with perseverance.



Student OF THE MONTH



Gonella Lakshmi Suma Pranavi of K3 - is the best student for keenly observing and concentrate on the learning engagements happening in the classroom. She is principled and displays the attitude” Integrity” as she always accepts the views of peers and facilitators. She has an excellent self-management skill which motivates and influence her peers to cooperate and complete their task.



Sweccha Bhanbari of PYP 2 - is a very knowledgeable child and is very curious to inquire and connect locally as well as globally. She is a voracious reader who enjoys the company of books and has a profound interest in vocal and instrumental music. She takes immense responsibility in completing her work before time and lends a helping hand to her peers in understanding the contents. She is a very principled child who is always punctual to school.



VE. Deepak of MYP 5 - is showing an upward curve of improvement in his studies and behaviour. He is open-minded in accepting the feedback from the teachers. His participation in the class activities has increased a lot. He is very respectful and socializing.



Uniforms

Wearing the school uniform helps to build pride and school spirit but when the correct uniform is not worn, and orbit is dirty or sloppy it does not build a culture of pride or care for one's school, hence we are asking parents to assist us by requiring their children to dress in appropriate uniform before leaving to school.

Boys: (K1 – K3 & PYP) - dark grey shorts, half sleeve white shirt, grey socks, tie, belt and black sports shoes; (MYP) - dark grey long pants, white half sleeve shirt, grey socks, tie, belt and black sports shoes. P.E. – House T-shirt, black track pants, grey socks and black sports shoes.

Girls: (K1 – K3 & PYP) dark grey pinafore, half sleeve white shirt, grey socks, tie, belt and black sports shoes; (MYP) - dark grey long pants, white half sleeve shirt, grey socks, tie, belt and black sports shoes. P.E. – House T-shirt, black track pants, grey socks and black sports shoes. Formal & sports uniform must be purchased from the school.

Kindly see that the children come in proper uniform daily to school.

Thank you for your support.



Water Bottle – Please send a metal water Bottle for each student, which also promotes plastic free zone.



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