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News Letter – January 2018

January **EVENTS**

Jan 11th – Pongal Celebration

Jan 17th – PYP Teacher Induction Programme

Jan 18th – English Language Teaching Workshop

*\Jan 20th – SLC (Student Led Conference) in PYP & PTM
(Parent Teacher Meeting) in MYP / India IB Heads
Conference (Delhi)*

Jan 24th – Nandavanam Visit (MYP)

*Jan 25th – Republic Day Celebration / Akshar Arbol
International school (Visit by PYP Teachers)*

*Jan 30th – Field Trip PYP 3, 4, 5 (Mahabalipuram) /
Mathematic Workshop by Oxford University (PYP & MYP
Teachers)*



Pongal Celebration

Gateway IB World School celebrated the harvest festival, Pongal as a dedication to the farmers on 11th Jan.2018. We had MYP students exhibiting their **multilingual talent** by giving speeches about Pongal in English, Tamil, Hindi, French and Mandarin. The PYP students stunned the viewers by colourful presentation of combining Tamil Folk dances as Mayilaattam, Kavadiaattam, Karagaattam, Oyilaattam, Kummiaattam and Silambaattam, with typical Tamil Nadu village setting was the greatest attraction of the celebration. A Traditional Tamil Folk song and a skit by the MYP students brought out the features and the significance about the four-day Pongal festival.

Adding fun to the festive occasion, testing the strength of the Houses was the game of Tug of War for students. The Yellow House got the pride of winning the game. The day ended with the distribution of main dish of the festival, SWEET PONGAL.





Teacher Induction Program

Induction Programme PYP

Our guest Ms. Preetha was invited to our school for an induction to build our PYP team, to ensure the sustainability and the ongoing growth of the IB programme in our school.

It was an eye-opener for the newly joined teachers who interacted confidently using their prior knowledge and understanding of the PYP curriculum. The teachers were grouped to create their own strategy about the IB; theme, central idea & lines of inquiry which was further debated. The fundamentals of inquiry learning, planning, teaching and assessing was also discussed. The teachers reflected the learning, and the takeaway was indeed good.





English Language Teaching Workshop

GIS offered another one-day English Language Teaching Workshop to PYP facilitators on 18th January 2018. This was an engaging workshop, a programme that equips teachers to facilitate language learning through **Nelson English Series**. It was organised by Oxford University Press with an experienced trainer Ms. Heather French. The workshop covered key aspects of teaching language skills, grammar, vocabulary and poetry, and dealt with basic issues in testing and evaluation. This was an engaging workshop that offered many teaching strategies to involve children in active participation of learning the language.

GIS IB World School is pleased to walk every extra mile to have their young learners soar high.







India IB Heads Conference (Delhi)

GIS IB World School Principal, Mrs. Letishia Harris took part in the IB all India heads conference held in Delhi on 20th January 2018 hosted by British School in Delhi.





Nandavanam Visit (MYP)

As a part of service as action, our MYP students visited “Nandavanam” an organization working for mentally disabled children in Injambakkam, ECR, to understand the therapies for the development of mentally disabled children. We joined their morning warm-up session which was so refreshing. We had a beach walk with them as a part of their therapy and students got the information about the benefits of beach walk that helped in the functioning of the brain. Their student-teacher ratio is 2:1. Our students volunteered to teach art and craft work which was so interactive. Our students now begin to understand the therapies they use to train the special needs children that helped them to do their daily chores like feeding, remembering things etc. We had lunch together. We are thankful, and we should appreciate the efforts taken by the school for mentally disabled children.





Republic Day Celebration

India's constitution came into effect on Republic Day, January 26, 1950. This date was chosen as it was the anniversary of *Purna Swaraj* Day, which was held on January 26, 1930. The constitution gave India's citizens the power to govern themselves by choosing their own government. Dr Rajendra Prasad took oath as India's first president at the Durbar Hall in the Government House, followed by a residential drive along a route to the Irwin Stadium, where he unfurled India's national flag. Ever since the historic day, January 26 is celebrated with festivities and patriotic fervour across India.



The **69th Republic Day** was celebrated in all its solemnity at Gateway International IB World School on 25th January 2018. Our School Captain Master Vithun marched from the entrance of the school to the flag pole followed by the house captains. Our Head of the Institution Ms. Letisha gave the honours to Mr. Kennedy (HR Director of Gateway group of schools) to hoist the flag. She addressed the students and staffs with an inspirational speech on Republic India. The students saluted the National Flag and pledged themselves to upholding the honour and integrity, diversity and uniqueness of India. After wards students watched documentary. It gave a true patriotism towards their Nation. The students dispersed after sweets.





PYP Exhibition at Akshar Arbol

On 25th January 2018, our teachers from PYP visited Akshar Arbol International School PYP Exhibition, which is the culmination of the journey in the PYP.

It was a great learning experience for the teachers as the students enthusiastically participated exhibiting and explaining the different wall paintings, the cause, and effects of adaptations and the five essential elements which clearly indicated the in-depth understanding of the Unit.

Overall it was an exposure to communicate with the students and the ability to deepen our understanding of the PYP Exhibition.



Field Trip!

PYP 3, 4, 5 - Field Trip (Mahabalipuram - Monuments)

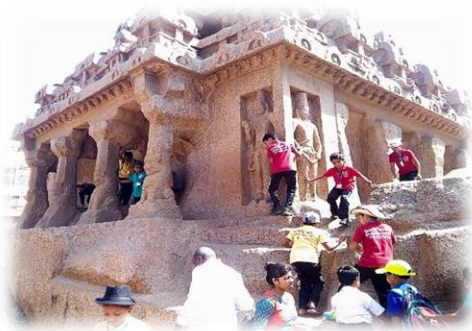
The students of PYP 3,4 & 5 were taken for an educational trip to Mahabalipuram to enable them to understand the Ancient period 'The art & architectural masterpieces', Cave Temples, Tiger Cave set in the most elaborately designed pillars and sculptures depicting several mythical creatures, lions, and tigers which sums up the evolution of the stone-cut temple structures over a period.

Most of them were amazed by the sight of the descent of the Ganges, which is a gigantic open-air carving sculpt out of pink granite.

There is another curious structure known as Sri Krishna's Butter Ball that fascinates everyone in Mahabalipuram. It is not a sculpted piece, but more of a handiwork of nature.

Last but not the least the students were taken to the Shore Temple located on the beach which was magnificently carved out of stones and attracted many tourists.

The students enjoyed the trip which gave them an insight into the Ancient Era.



MATHEMATICS WORKSHOP

‘One Day Mathematic Workshop’

Gateway International School attended a workshop on Mathematics on 29/01/2018 organised by Oxford University Press. The workshop was conducted by Ms. Deborra Barton, a leading trainer, educationalist and author of IGCSE Mathematics books, from United Kingdom, in our IB premises.

Teachers of GIS family along with other teachers from various other institutions across Chennai participated in this workshop. The workshop focused in training the faculties about the tactics of teaching math in the way that students understand the concepts easily and showing active participation. Interesting and useful strategies were introduced during this session.

The teachers enthusiastically participated in the session. The faculties were also given interesting task for learning. Participation Certificates were given to all those who attended the workshop.





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We are proud to announce that Gateway International School is a IB World School with, PYP, MYP & DP; The First Continuum School in Chennai and second in Tamil Nadu.

This is quite a breakthrough as we are now one of the pioneers in IB education in Tamil Nadu. The accreditation has been possible only due to the collective and relentless efforts of our teachers, students, parents and management.

This is a remarkable achievement as IB has very stringent quality checks for authorisation. We are now determined and confident to continue our journey as IB World School.

Student of the Month



Aravindan of K2 is a principled child and is a positive role model for our class. He is punctual, respectful, and organized. He stays focused on the task at hand. His communication skill has developed tremendously. He arrives at school each day with a smile, READY to learn!



Dinesh Giraz of PYP 5 is a principled child. He has shown constant and considerable improvement in learning. He exhibits the attitude of being confident and committed to his task in the classroom and at home. He is regular in completing and submitting his work on time. He has shown the attribute of the IB learner profile of being caring towards his peers and this is highly appreciable.



Vibhash Devanathan of MYP 4 is a good thinker as he exercises initiative in applying thinking skills critically to recognize and approach complex problems and make reasoned ethical decisions. He contributes to discussions in a meaningful way. He is a good communicator as he understands and expresses ideas and information confidently. He works effectively and willingly in collaboration with others. He regularly delivers stimulating presentations and drives excellence in group assignments. These qualities have made him the student of the month.



Uniforms

Wearing the school uniform helps to build pride and school spirit but when the correct uniform is not worn and or it 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 / black socks, tie, belt and black sports shoes; (MYP) - dark grey long pants, white half sleeve shirt, grey / black socks, tie, belt and black sports shoes. P.E. – House T-shirt, black track pants, grey / black socks and black sports shoes.

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

Please be informed that the child will be sent to come back if he/she does not wear the proper school uniform.

Thank you for your support.



Water Bottle - Gateway requires all students to have water bottles in school. These water bottles are important to make sure our students stay hydrated throughout the day. Please send a metal water bottle for each student, which also promotes plastic free zone.



TRANSPORTATION - Please don't forget to contact Ms. Sumita Sen (proib@gatewaytheschool.in) for transportation arrangements.



FACEBOOK - Follow Gateway IB MYP World School on Facebook. We post events of GIS 'Learning Engagements'.

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