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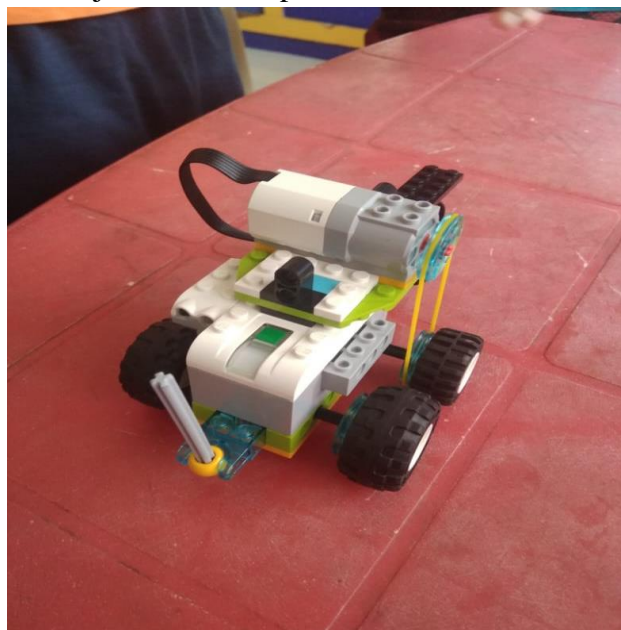
Applying the Concept of Mathematics in Real Life - K3- 3rd Sep 2019

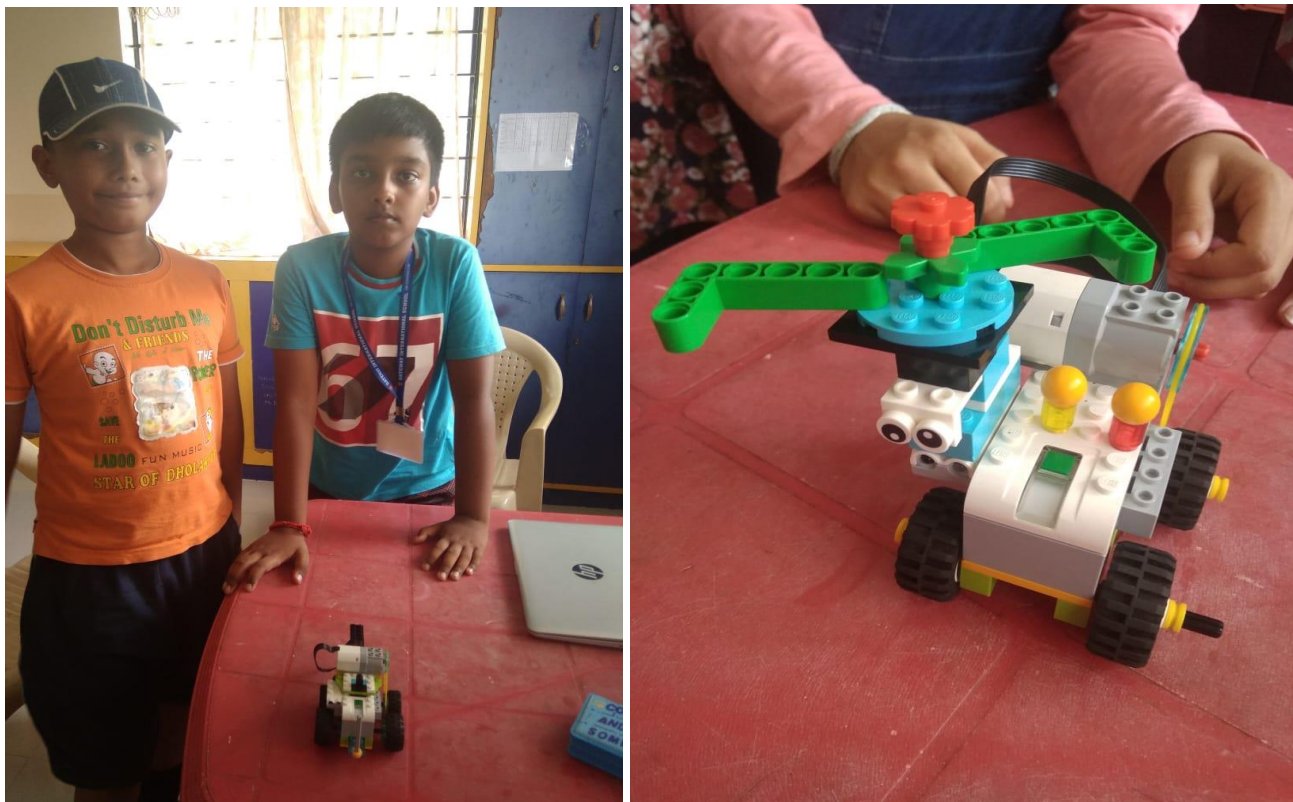
K3 kids were involved in experimental learning wherein they understood the value and necessity of learning the concept of measurements in mathematics. Kids identified the various real life applications of measurements in their day to day life which gained curiosity to solve the problems.



Little Techies – PYP 4 – 4th Sep 2019

Technology has become an inevitable part of our lives. Here at gateway IB, we aim at equipping our students with necessities to face the ever changing world. The future scientist of PYP 4 have created an object that stops when it detects another object in its way using motion sensors.





Teachers Day Celebration – 5th Sep 2019

The entire teams of GIS IB teachers were honoured by the students of GIS IB through the various events organized by the MYP and DP students. The moment to make the teachers feel proud is to honour the teachers by understanding the hard work and potential spent by them for the betterment of the students. With this note , our students collaboratively made an analysis to identify the individual talents of every teacher in the school and they honored them with the certificate of appreciation providing a title to them. Our children made all the teachers enjoy the day with lots of fun events like feeding the food , role plan with the dedication of song , dance, poem for their teachers. Children

presented the certificates with the handmade greeting cards to all the staffs in the school.



Field Trip to Chettinad Medical College – 6th Sep 2019

As a part of learning about human body systems, the students of PYP 4 were taken on a field trip to the **Chettinad Medical college**, anatomy lab. We visited the college museum, where they had a display of a variety of specimens of the body organs. This trip helped the children connect to their

central idea "human body systems work together to help us have a healthy life". During this trip, they had opportunities to touch and feel real bones too. A doctor who walked us through the entire museum explained the organs and their functions. The students were very interactive and they demonstrated the learner profile of being knowledgeable and inquirers.



Your mind-set is your primary weapon” – 9th Sep 2019

The Children of Kindergarten were showed a self-defence video that teaches them to escape kidnappers or any suspectfull strangers. The students then performed a demo enacting the self defence techniques along with the P.E facilitator. The students gained confidence in facing these challenges as they are now aware of the rules to be followed in such a situation. They are also able to differentiate between healthy and unhealthy behavior by strangers in public places and how to react to the same.



PYP Collaboration – 9th Sep 2019

The PYP teachers gathered to brainstorm on the standards and practices of the teaching strategies they use in the classroom as a learning engagement. The different strategical expression for learning 'Verbs,' are taught through body language and action words related to picture observation. The additional language teachers use the classroom environment; objects and pictures to give their perspective for visual aid and different texture strategy of touch and feel. Another interesting strategy, by solving the puzzle to learn the position of the solar system and using pictures, to give their perspective and endure understanding of daily activities.



Healthy Choices - Poster Making – 10th Sep 2019

The students of PYP exhibited their talents as good researchers, thinkers, and communicators from the IB Learner profile. As a culmination of the first unit, students have been assigned with different tools of their choice to show their understanding of the unit completed. PYP 1 made posters to display their understanding of the Healthy choices to be made in their everyday life, at the same time, the PYP 2 has depicted their understanding by making posters and journals to create awareness on the importance of water, how wisely it can be used and its sources available.



MYP Collaboration-10th Sep 2019

Knowledge is the source of power and it can be acquired only if learning happens in an interesting manner. So as to ensure this, different types of teaching strategies were discussed in the MYP collaboration meeting conducted on *10th Sep 2019*.



Election campaign – 11th Sep 2019

Building up leadership is a vital duty of every school and to enhance this quality our school conducts mock elections to elect school leaders every year. In view of this, the students of DP1 gave inspiring election campaign speech on 9th September 2019 in the school assembly.

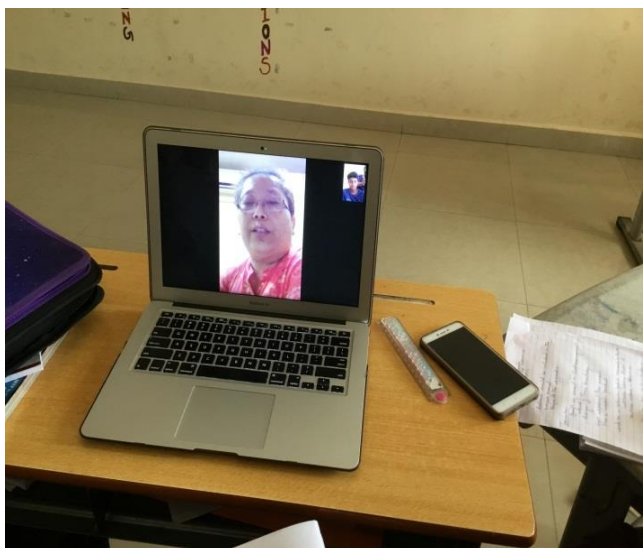


DP Collaboration Meeting - 12th Sep 2019

The DP collaboration meeting was organized on the 12th of September 2019 at 3:30 PM. Ms.Dharakeshwari, Economics facilitator presented the internal and external assessments for Economics. The strategies to train the students to face the assessments were discussed.

Skype Meeting – MYP 5 – 13th Sep 2019

The school arranged a Skype meeting for the MYP 5 students with an eminent personality Ms.Asheka Tenzin, MYP Coordinator, DY Patel School, MYP Network Chair of Asia -Pacific region. The students collaborated and discussed with the specialist Ms.Asheka on their Personal project proceedings. The students reflected that the meeting was very informative and helpful for them to proceed with their personal project. The students conveyed that the meeting facilitated them to refine their work and felt hopeful to complete their project successfully.



Kindergarten Activity – 16th Sep 2019

Students were able to connect with the real-time objects such as box, rubix cube and dice. The hands-on activity, of making a cube and the conceptual understanding of squares which the students experienced made them understand the faces and sides.

Developing an understanding on individual roles and responsibilities helps in personality development. K3 children took up the various responsibilities in the classroom like class leader, line leader, line ender, cleanliness manager, bookshelf monitor etc which builds them as the most responsible child at school and at home as well. Book is a treasure house of knowledge.

To start with the reading, our kids started reading the sight words through walk through strategy inside the classroom.



Occasion of Effervescence – 17th Sep 2019

Students got completely involved in showcasing their learning engagements on the completion of the first unit to their parents. Each grade presented their learning's in the best possible way. PYP1 gave an individual presentation on their knowledge on healthy and junk food, food pyramids, kinds of vegetables, bones, muscles, teeth hygiene, postures and good habits; whereas, PYP, 2 gave in-depth knowledge on the Water - Resources and its Conservation. They explained the creation of a natural purifier with

natural ingredients to make dirty water into clean water. They also gave a small song performance on the water cycle.

At the same time PYP3, presented their learning's on Biosphere, describing all their research work using charts and ppt.



Mystery box – 18th Sep 2019

The students of PYP take ownership of their learning and are encouraged to have their own voice and choice in their learning. This helps them to be more responsible and higher responsibility leads to better learning. The students create their own central idea and lines of inquiry with the guidance of the facilitators.

We gave the students of PYP 4 a mystery box with pictures and vocabulary related to the unit. They organized, sorted them out, discussed as a team and created their own central idea. The Mystery box kindled the curiosity of the children and kept them enthusiastic throughout the activity. This activity helped them strengthen their social and thinking skills.



Founders Day – 18th Sep 2019

Founders' Day is traditionally a very jubilant day in the school calendar wherein members of the school community meet to commemorate those who founded the school and who have bequeathed resources to its development. An atmosphere of celebration filled The Gateway International School, Padur When the school heads and teachers gathered to celebrate the birthday of our Founders Mr. Anton Cruz. The chief aim is to actively develop the ambition and potential of every student, whether it is academic or any other sphere. The school believes that a student can achieve anything with focus, perseverance and confidence. The teachers thirst to the schools and the chairman's' *Vision*.

The celebration commenced with a Prayer by Mr. John Britto, followed by a Prayer Song by faculty members of IB Continuum School. The bible reading was done by Ms. Sangamithra, Principal, Neelankarai. The Welcome speech was delivered by Ms. Hepzibha, Principal; GTCS. The Introductory Speech was delivered by Ms. Helen Johnson, Principal, SOT. Following this a program depicting the life's journey of our beloved Father Mr. Anton Cruz was performed by all the branches of Gateway. Mr. Antony, the Director of Operations delivered a speech about our Founder and his ways

of helping the community. The Chairman was then honored by the heads of the school, Mr.Senthil Annamalai ,R & D Head and Ms. Nancy , Head HR and the Principals of all the branches . The Chairman then gave a great oration inspiring the crowd with his principles and his willingness to uplift the community. A cake was then cut by our Chairman along with Vice Chairman, commemorating this birthday. A splendid Vote of Thanks was delivered by Ms.Rama Srinivas, Principal CBSE.

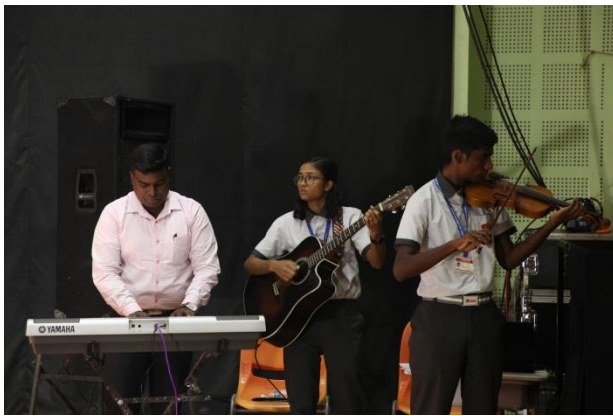


















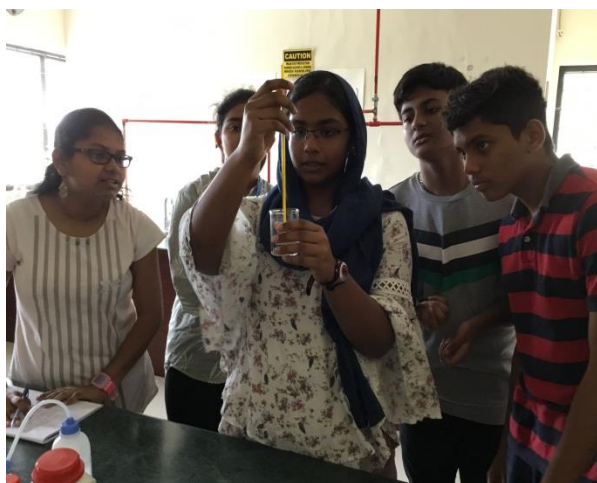






Lab Investigation – 19th Sep 2019

The students of MYP 3 learnt the technique of classifying exothermic and endothermic reactions by observation the temperature changes in various chemical reactions. The investigation facilitated the students to attain hands on experience of chemical reactions and the energy changes involved.





Best Teacher Award by CIT – 20th Sep 2019

Our MYP Teachers Mrs.Sangeetha Soloman and Mrs.Haseena received the prestigious Best Teacher Award by CIT (Chennai Institute of Technology) on the 20th Sep 2019.



Tectonic Plate – 21th Sep 2019

The students of MYP had a hands-on experience of Tectonic Plate boundaries. With clay, they have made the model of convergent, divergent & Transform Plate boundaries. This classroom activity helps students understand the process that moves and shapes.



EXPLORING NATURE – KINDERGARTEN – 23rd Sep 2019

Students went on a nature walk and explored the environment in the play ground, they were excited to identify the different types of climate; such as sunny, rainy and cloudy.

The climate was so pleasant and they viewed the cloudy sky and blurred Sun. They also enjoyed doing actions and finding the action words with their peers.

Understanding the different perspectives of individuals happened when children were allowed to picturize their perspective of understanding the picture given with the help of the numicon manipulators. They arranged the manipulators as per their view and found the volume of the picture given in the book with much fun and curiosity.



SOLAR SYSTEM AND TIME –PYP 1 & 3- 24th Sep 2019

PYP 1 and 3 learners once again jump in with enthusiasm implementing enhanced PYP; thus creating and engaging through different strategies to frame the central idea and lines of inquiry for their second unit “Where we are in place and time”

PYP 1 brainstormed on “Solar system” by solving the puzzle, watching rhymes, videos, and coloring activities. Whereas the PYP 3 learners created a word wall using the pictures related to past and present civilizations.



IB Heads Meeting – 25th Sep 2019

Our Principal Mrs. Letishia Harris attended the IB Heads Meeting held at Bangalore.



Our MYP Co-ordinator Mrs.Sangeetha Solomon attended the 11th Edition of DIDAC India on the 25th Sep 2019.



SURVEY THROUGH BAR CHART & VENN DAIGRAM- PYP2 – 25th Sep 2019

PYP 2 conducted a survey with their peers to collect information about their favorite food, pet, color to represent it in a pictograph, bar chart and Venn diagram. At the end of this activity, they were able to easily identify the similarities and differences of the choices made by their peer



GEOGRAPHY LEARNT CREATIVELY-PYP4 – 26th Sep 2019

Hands-on activity helps children to work as a group and thus strengthening their social skills and thinking skills. The students in PYP4 were given few clues and asked to find the related term accordingly and it helped them to learn new vocabulary and they recorded in the vocabulary notebook. This activity encouraged to build new sentences and word wall and they enjoyed learning geography creatively.



MYP & DP ACTIVITY – 26th Sep 2019

MYP 1 students investigated the change in phase of matter. Students practically analysed and evaluated the change in state of solid paraffin wax to liquid on melting and change of state from liquid paraffin back to solid on freezing.



DP Physics student investigated, if the net Forces are zero for Forces at equilibrium using spring balance and weights using IB investigation cycle.



INVESTITURE CEREMONY- 2019 – 27th Sep 2019

Leaders are one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way.

Gateway IB honoured the members of the student council 2019-20 with the honourable chief guest Dr. Ravindran Kumeran, consultant gastrointestinal surgeon, Apollo med hospital, chennai. As a continuation, our students delivered various cultural programs on behalf of world tourism day celebration representing African culture, Climatic changes, chinese culture and gender inequality ending with the strong message conveying Gateway IB providing education to children from various countries.











Building Vocabularies – 30th Sep 2019

Vocabularies are developed not in the way of regular class room teaching like sight words and writing practice. Kindergartens of Gateway IB develop their vocabularies through the practice of singing motivational songs. At the first glance, we might find the song to be too big for their age to sing, but as time goes by, kids proved their observation skills through their performance during the World Tourism Day Celebration. This strategy helped them to develop their vocabularies and the way to pronounce the words.

The students reflected on their learning engagements. K3 kids collaboratively decided to make a puppet show to demonstrate their learning. With the help of the ICT facilitator, they started working on the research work to create puppets and still we are waiting for their final outcome. Let's wait and see.





Thank You!!!